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RUSSIA TURNS TO GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS

PURPOSE IS TO LEAD THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE TO DESIRED VICTORY

Great Events of Past Few Days Supply the Populace With Fresh Confidence, Says Miliukoff; Abdication of Czar Nicholas Must Be Confirmed

Petrograd, March 16.—"The problems which we are going to solve consist of the re-establishment in Russia of a power capable of giving the people final victory over the enemy," said Professor Paul Miliukoff, the new Foreign Minister and one of the most prominent Liberal leaders in Russia, in a statement to-day to a representative of the Associated Press.

"The great crime of the late government consisted in throwing the country into complete disorganization and subjecting it to the hardest trials. This state of affairs might even have had dangerous effects on the issue of the war. The increase in popular discontent was the result of the turn which events had taken. The anger of the people was such that the Russian revolution was almost the shortest and most bloodless in history.

"The late government was completely isolated, which confirms the fact that no one had confidence in it. The great events of the last few days make it possible for the people to gain fresh confidence. These events will increase the popular enthusiasm and multiply the national forces, giving them at last power to win the war.

"During a few days the Duma attracted to itself the attention of the whole nation and was the centre of enormous moral forces. To-day it has material force also at its disposal, seeing that the army has taken its side. Every hour brings news bearing witness to the continual growth of power of the forces of the national representation.

Temporary Regency.
"The new Government considers it indispensable that the abdication of the Emperor be confirmed and the regency temporarily entrusted to Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich. Such is our decision. We consider it impossible to alter it.

"According to the latest news, the Emperor is at Psov (126 miles southwest of Petrograd). Contrary to rumors His Majesty has not been arrested. The Empress remains at Tsarskoe Selo, where she is in perfect safety."

The Czarina of Russia is a niece of the late King Edward VII, and therefore a granddaughter of Queen Victoria, through her mother, the late Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse. She was the third daughter of the Grand Duchess and was only six when her mother died.

In marrying the Czar in 1894, she had first to be received into the Greek Church. There are four daughters and the Czar's wife, who is now 42 years of age.

An elder sister married the Czar's uncle, the notorious Grand Duke Sergius, who was assassinated in 1905, in an earlier revolution.

A PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE URGED
Equador Would Have Republics Express Views Regarding Rights of Neutrality

Washington, March 15.—Five of the Latin-American governments have accepted in principle a formal suggestion from Ecuador that delegates from the republics of North, South and Central America assemble immediately for the purpose of "taking necessary measures for securing a continental expression of views, principally for a guarantee of the rights of neutrality and, if possible, for the alleviation of the rigors of war."

Additional acceptances are expected soon by the Government of Ecuador. The United States has not indicated its attitude toward the conference. It is known that at least one of the larger South American republics will follow whatever course the United States pursues.

AMERICAN SENATE.
Washington, March 15.—The special Senate session which began March 5 adjourned at 8:53 p.m. to-day sine die.

BACK IN PETROGRAD GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS



BRITAIN, FRANCE AND ITALY SHOW APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN RUSSIA

London, March 16.—Official action by Great Britain, France and Italy in recognition of the Provisional Government of Russia was taken in Petrograd yesterday, according to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent.

BRITISH DESTROYER OF OLD TYPE SUNK; TWENTY-NINE LOST

London, March 16.—A British torpedo boat destroyer of an old type struck a mine in the English Channel yesterday and was sunk, says an official announcement this afternoon. All the officers were saved, but one man was killed and 29 sailors are missing. It is presumed these men were drowned.

BRITISH ON DIALA THIRTY MILES NORTHEAST OF BAGDAD



London, March 16.—A portion of the town of Bakuba, on the right bank of Diala river about 30 miles northeast of Bagdad, has been occupied by British troops, it was announced in a report received to-day from Lieut.-General Maude, in command of the British forces on the Tigris.

The Turkish forces continue to fall back on the right bank of the Tigris.

NEW RUSSIAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE INSISTS ON ABSOLUTE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THE PRESS HEREAFTER

Petrograd, March 16.—Branches of the council of the nobility already have held special meetings in fifteen provinces and endorsed the new revolutionary government.

Petrograd, March 16.—The old regime of the Conservatives has been supplanted by one of the Liberals. M. Kerenski, the new Minister of Justice, is a Socialist. He has accepted the portfolio with the stipulation that there shall be absolute freedom of speech and of the press and full political amnesty. The cabinet has been chosen exclusively from present and past members of the Duma. It was named by the Executive Committee of the Duma, in conjunction with other deputies and representatives of the workmen and the soldiers which held an all-night session.

Professor Paul Miliukoff, the new Foreign Minister, informed a representative of the Associated Press that the new regime was determined on the elimination of Emperor Nicholas and the regency of Grand Duke Michael. "We shall not change these demands," he said. "We shall have this or fall. We accept nothing less."

Enjoy Confidence.
The new cabinet includes men who led in the struggle against the old government and enjoy the full confidence of the country. Professor Miliukoff and M. Shingareff, the new Minister of Agriculture, had become especially prominent as champions of the rights of the people. It was due to the energy of Professor Miliukoff that revelations regarding the political intrigue and corruption of the old reactionary government were brought before the public.

While the Duma and the workmen's committee have agreed upon the cabinet, they still remain somewhat at odds regarding the form the new government shall assume. The workmen's deputies wish to leave this question undecided until after the holding of a constitutional assembly which will be charged with revising the present constitution, desiring to call this assembly without delay. The Duma

FORMER LEADER OF ARMIES OF RUSSIA HAS ARRIVED IN PETROGRAD TO TAKE SHARE

ONE OF LEADERS IN RUSSIA; M. RODZIANKO



Enjoying the confidence of the masses of the Russian people, M. Rodzianko, President of the Duma, is working at the top of his energy to straighten out the situation resulting from the overturning of the former government at Petrograd. He is one of the outstanding figures in the great change.

LIEUT. SMITH WINS FRENCH WAR CROSS

Son of Late Hon. Ralph Smith Awarded Decoration for Conspicuous Bravery

Lieut. J. W. Smith, son of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, has been awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French Government. Lieut. Smith is now in London as the result of a recent wound which will take several months to mend. He is returning to British Columbia and expects to leave England within a few days.

The French decoration is made for conspicuous bravery in the field. The cross is considered a high decoration and is occasionally given by the French Government to British soldiers, the British Government reciprocating with decorations for French soldiers in cases of outstanding bravery.

According to letters reaching the city from his senior officers, Lieut. Smith is in every way deserving of the decoration he has received at the front. His wound, from which he is now convalescing, while severe, being at the elbow, is not serious, but will take a long time to mend. It was received while Lieut. Smith was out with a small party of men engaged on hazardous work a couple of days after the French award had been made. In brigade orders, "Jack," as he is familiarly known, was the subject of highly complimentary remarks.

Lieutenant Smith left Vancouver last year with the 72nd Highlanders, and shortly after his arrival in England was sent across to France. He had not been in the firing line for many weeks before he distinguished himself in several very successful raids on enemy trenches. His many friends now residing in this city, as well as in other parts of the Province, will be pleased to learn of the honors which so deserving an officer has won.

Grand Duke Nicholas Probably Will Command Troops Under New Government; Dispatches Indicate Army Almost Solidly Behind New Authority

London, March 16.—The Grand Duke Nicholas is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd to have reached the Russian capital, probably to take command of the troops.

London, March 16.—Grand Duke Nicholas, idol of the Russian army and ranked as Russia's master strategist, looms up as the big military figure of the hour in Russia, which has just witnessed a successful and almost bloodless revolution and the abdication of its emperor.

The relinquishment of the throne by Nicholas II automatically deprived him of his rank as commander-in-chief of the Russian armies. The heir to the throne is an infant and Grand Duke Michael, named as regent, while a soldier of repute, is not of commanding military experience.

FAILED TO READ SIGNIFICANT SIGN

Authorities in Petrograd Blind to Comradship Between Public and Troops

London, March 16.—Further details of the events preceding the revolutionary coup in Petrograd are given in a Reuter dispatch from the Russian capital. The dispatch says that the working classes had decided on "peaceful" street demonstrations on Saturday.

Early on Saturday morning the police warned the citizens not to leave their houses, as it was not safe. In other words the food demonstrators were to be suppressed with an iron hand. Undeterred by this warning, however, the people came out in such numbers that the Nevsky Prospect and other main thoroughfares were thronged. The crowds were mostly from the middle classes, the roads from the labor district being barred. The people were so good-natured and jovial that the authorities believed at first that the day would pass in peace. Nevertheless they took precautions by sending for reinforcements.

PLAN TO BRING OUT ALL GOLD IN FRANCE

Paris, March 15.—A bill to demonstrate the existing French gold coinage has been introduced in the Chamber of Deputies by Deputies Lepr. Bouffandeau and Eymond. The purpose is to force hoarders to bring out gold estimated at 4,000,000,000 francs which still is being kept in hiding in spite of patriotic appeals to the owners to exchange it for notes. The bill provides for the issuance of a new design which alone will have currency after the war. Special arrangements would be made in the case of French gold held abroad.

IN PERSIA TURKS LOST POSITIONS TO THE RUSSIANS

Petrograd, March 16.—Russian troops have dislodged Turkish troops from their fortified positions on the summit of Naraghkapp, to the west of Kermanshah, in Northwestern Persia, says a statement issued to-day by the War Office.

Thus the nation, Petrograd dispatches indicate, is turning to its most tried and trusted military leader. Grand Duke Nicholas is reported to have arrived at the capital and the probability is pointed to that he will take command of the troops.

Of the complete success of the revolutionary movement, in which the lead was taken by the Duma, there seems no doubt. While there have been few advances received as to the attitude of the army at the front, such news as has been received indicates that the military, with the exception of reactionaries among the officers, together with all the popular forces of the empire, is backing the new government.

The civil forces of the nation are co-operating with the Government most heartily in restoring normality in the life of the empire.

Solving Tangles.
The Duma, which is the chief factor in shaping the course of the new regime, and the zemstvos are reported co-operating successfully in straightening out the various tangles which have resulted from the momentous change in Government control.

The food problem is being attacked and the people themselves seem to be exercising their own authority to repress any elements of the population that might be inclined to indulge in excesses.

A measure of general political amnesty is reported in course of preparation by the new Minister of Justice. Grand Duke Nicholas is said to have endorsed the move as one necessary to save the empire and bring the war to a successful conclusion.

NATIONAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE SHORTLY

In Conference With Foster, Manufacturers and Business Men Favor Scheme

Ottawa, March 15.—Conferences were held this forenoon and this afternoon between Sir George Foster and a number of prominent Canadian manufacturers and business men for consideration of a proposal for the holding of a national business conference in Ottawa in the near future. Among those present were: F. L. Wanklyn, of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Mr. Herbert, of the Montreal Board of Trade; Col. R. McEwen, of Byron, Ont.; C. O. Bogart, once president of the Canadian Bankers' Association; Alfred Britton, of the Maritime Fish Company; and G. M. Murray, of the Bankers' Association.

The delegates favored the proposal, and a memorandum will be prepared outlining the details of the proposal, which includes consideration of after-war conditions of trade and commerce.

BOMBS WERE SET OFF IN COURTHOUSE NEAR BOSTON
Boston, March 15.—Two bombs were exploded in the Suffolk County courthouse late to-day. First reports to the police were that two persons had been killed and a number wounded. The doors were locked and details withheld.

SNOW IN UTAH.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 16.—The heaviest snowstorm in the history of Utah according to United States Weather Forecaster H. H. Tolson, completely paralyzed city traffic to-day. Twenty inches of snow has fallen in the last 24 hours.

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GLASGOW PROCESSION DUE TO SOCIALISTS

Glasgow, March 15.—A procession of women organized by Socialists marched to the city chambers yesterday and protested against the alleged holding up of potato supplies. Several banners were displayed, including one reading: "No potatoes—no sugar—What next?" About 2,000 women took part in the demonstration. The town council declined to receive a deputation from the marchers. A noisy scene followed in the council and four Labor members were suspended.

RUSSIAN REPORT.

Petrograd, March 15.—The following official report was issued last night:

"Western front—During Tuesday night, southwest of Brzezany, in the region of Slaventin and Svislchiki, enemy troops attacked our positions and occupied a portion of our trenches. As the result of our counter-attacks they were expelled and driven into their own trenches with great losses. Enemy airplanes dropped more than 60 bombs on the Radzivilov station. "Scouting reconnaissances and reciprocal firing are proceeding."

TO PRESERVE PEACE IN UNITED STATES

State Governors May Confer With Wilson to Prevent Germans Operating

Portland, Ore., March 15.—The Washington correspondent of the Oregonian wires:

Two events of sensational importance in connection with the European crisis and the destinies of the United States became known yesterday. The first was the revolution in Russia. The second was a conference at the State Department in Washington which was participated in by the Secretaries of State, War and the Navy and the Attorney-General.

The Russian revolution apparently was designed to wrest the conduct of affairs from the pro-German clique which controlled the Czar.

The conference at the State Department was for the purpose of determining upon the measures to be taken to preserve peace and order within the United States. As a result of the conference, President Wilson may request all the governors of states to attend a meeting in Washington, to determine what steps to take to prevent German rioters from terrorizing various communities.

Americans will think it a far cry from the internal situation in the United States to the revolution which has taken place in Russia. Nevertheless, the same causes have operated in Russia as are at work in this country.

NOW WITHDRAWING ON A WIDER FRONT

Germans Lose Ground to British Forces Southeast of Bapaume

London, March 15.—Another important gain was made by British troops between Peronne and Bapaume according to an official report issued last night. Trenches, on a front of two and a half miles, running from south of the St. Pierre-Vaast wood to north of the village of Salliel, were occupied.

The text of the communication follows:

"The area of the enemy's withdrawal has extended toward the south. We have occupied his trenches on a front of two and one-half miles from south of the St. Pierre-Vaast wood to north of the village of Salliel."

"Early this morning a strong enemy counter-attack east of Achiet-le-Petit was successfully beaten off by our troops. We have improved our position in this neighborhood."

"This morning, after a heavy bombardment, enemy troops succeeded in entering our trenches southeast of Arras. A few of our men are missing. Another enemy raiding party was repulsed during the night northeast of Neuville-St. Vaast."

French Report.

Paris, March 15.—The following official report was issued last night:

"Between the Aisne and the Oise, after violent artillery preparations, our reconnaissance parties carried out raids at several points on the enemy front, shattered by our fire, in the direction of Beauvraignes and south of Crapeau-Mesnil."

"We have pushed forward as far as the third German trench east of Canny-sur-Matz. Our troops penetrated the wood and occupied it to a depth of nearly 800 metres. In these actions we took prisoners."

"In the region of Maisons-de-Champagne, in bomb fighting, we made progress and captured several enemy underground passages."

"On the right bank of the Meuse our artillery effectively shelled German organizations north of Bezonvaux."

"There was an intermittent cannonade on the rest of the front."

A Belgian communication said:

"The artillery activity on our front to-day was feeble."

Germans in Ignorance.

Berlin, March 15.—The War Office reported last night that no events of importance had been reported from the East or West fronts.

HINDENBURG MAY TRY RUSSIA AGAIN

American Writer Thinks Germans Will Attack Following the Revolution

New York, March 15.—Carl W. Ackerman.)—A sudden offensive against Russia, as relentless and as strong as Hindenburg's waning forces can make it, is likely to be Germany's first move following the revolution in Russia. Field-Marshal von Hindenburg has been counting upon internal eruptions in Petrograd and Moscow to aid him in his military operations against Russia. His plans have been prepared for many months, but have been delayed from time to time to await hoped for developments within Russia. The revolution, while it has not taken the turn which the Germans expected, may, however, bring to a test von Hindenburg's strategy, which is to endeavor to win the war by use of submarines and by an offensive against Russia, designed to compel her to make a separate peace.

In December, two days after Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg made his peace address in the Reichstag, Lieut.-Colonel von Haeften, chief military censor in Berlin and a personal adviser of both von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff, said:

"We are convinced that Russia is at the end of her resources. The food situation and the transportation difficulties are paralyzing Russia. It will take at least eight months for Russia to prepare to assist her allies in a spring offensive. We know we can defeat Russia and dictate separate peace terms. We are not going to give Russia eight months to prepare, and unless Russia exerts enough influence upon England to force the Entente to make peace now, Russia will have to make a separate peace."

Spoke to Neutrals.

Von Haeften was addressing the correspondents of neutral countries stationed in Berlin. His remarks were so definite that his hearers concluded that both the Chief of the General Staff and Ludendorff, with whom von Haeften had conferred two days before, were convinced their plans would succeed. Earlier in December I spent three weeks in Roumania with the armies of Field-Marshal von Mackensen and General von Falkenhayn. I was with the staff of the Bavarian General Kraft von Delningungen, up to the forts of Bucharest. The entire talk of the officers at that time was of an offensive against Russia and how they would take Odessa and Moscow as easily as they had taken Warsaw, Kovno and Vilna in the fall of 1915.

That time Germany had concentrated in Roumania and covering the roads from the Transylvanian Alps to Bucharest more than a million men and heavy artillery, including two 45-centimetre guns and long range German ship guns, capable of shooting 45 kilometres. The reason given at the time for halting the offensive against Russia was that "the time is not ripe."

Busy Intriguing.

Germany has been intriguing in Russia since last August in an effort to make Russia agree to separate peace terms at the Kovno conference, where Kaiser Wilhelm and von Hindenburg sent representatives of M. Sturmer, former Minister of Foreign Affairs in Petrograd. Separate peace terms were practically agreed upon. But through the influence of Britain, France, and Japan the plans of the pro-German Russian party were turned topsy-turvy. Since then the Entente has been working to obtain control of the Duma. The revolution which has just ended decides the biggest question of the war so far as Russia is concerned. It rivets the Russian flag to the Entente, and it destroys the German hope of separate peace and challenges von Hindenburg to make good his promise of a "defeated Russia," for one of the reasons why von Hindenburg succeeded in Falkenhayn as chief of the Central Powers' General Staff was that he promised final victory against Russia.

Hindenburg's Scheme.

His policy, it is believed in Berlin, is to hold the Allies on the western front, as he did on the Somme and Ancre last year, and to launch as great an offensive as possible against the forces of Russia. Von Hindenburg has been waiting for the revolution. He may imagine the Russian forces demoralized by internal affairs and at last he will "step in" for a dash, a ruthless German advance. But it appears that the Allies have anticipated Germany's plans and have won the revolution in Russia. The Duma now will have an opportunity to reorganize Russia's crippled transportation system and put new life into the Russian army. The revolution is the most encouraging sign for the Allies in Russia, but the real crisis is still to come. The acid-test will be the power of the Russian people and the new Russian Government to withstand a German offensive. The Russian line, which stretches from the Gulf of Riga to the Black Sea, is considered by German military observers to be vulnerable at two points—one on the Sereth River in Roumania, the other in Volhynia, on the Stockhod River, where General Brusiloff made his successful offensive against Austria last fall. Success on the Sereth would give Germany control of the transportation lines to the Stockhod front and open the way for a move on Odessa. This port the Central Powers covet because they believe it would give them control of the Russian Black Sea Fleet.

The revolution has brought about a military crisis, with possibilities for both the Entente and Germany, but the indications are that von Hindenburg will have to make the first move.

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INFLUENCE OF THREAT OF STRIKE IN STATES

Ottawa, March 15.—The first effects of the threatened railroad strike in the United States already have made themselves felt in Ottawa.

The New York & Ottawa Railway offices have received instructions from headquarters to accept all freight for United States points subject to delay, loss or damage, in view of the acute trouble that has arisen on American lines. The Grand Trunk so far has not received such a notice, but it is expected.

This will have the effect that shippers will hold up freight consignments for the United States until the dispute has been settled. The shippers believe that it is better to hold goods in warehouses for a few days than to have them held in freight yards while uncertainty exists as to the outcome of the negotiations.

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BUILDING WARSHIPS IN UNITED STATES

Washington, March 15.—The naval programme has so overtaxed the private shipbuilding industry that a considerable part of the work probably will have to be done in government yards.

Secretary Daniels has resumed his conferences with shipbuilders, expecting to award contracts before the end of the week for four of the five battle-cruisers provided for. The fifth ship, he indicated, will be assigned to a navy yard and it is probable that one or two of the 42,000-ton dreadnoughts will be built by the Government itself.

The battle-cruisers, under present

MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal, March 15.—Bank clearings for the week were \$76,775,566, against \$66,797,778, a year ago.

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RUSSIANS REALIZED CRISIS APPROACHING

Remarkable Feature of Revolution Was Degree of Order Prevailing

London, March 15.—One of the most remarkable features of the Russian revolution, says Reuter's Petrograd correspondent, has been the speed with which the people have resumed normal life. Order is the watchword of the day and even prevailed among unorganized crowds during the height of the uprising. The correspondent continues:

"For some weeks past everybody in Petrograd realized that a crisis was approaching. The temper of even the most patient people in the world becomes frayed when they are obliged to stand three or four hours in a temperature ten or twenty below zero waiting for bread, and that often not to be obtained. Potatoes had risen to eight and nine times their ordinary price and other food commodities were at a cost practically prohibitive to the poor."


"The explanations of the Minister of Agriculture, M. Rittich, were not calculated either to relieve the present hunger or the anxiety for the future. He ascribed the delay in the arrival of flour to a snowstorm. The people in the streets were not the only ones who squirmed under this sort of explanation. The Duma leaders as well regarded the situation as inexcusable, and President Rodzianko finally felt justified in going to the length of offering his whole-hearted assistance in putting into effect special emergency measures for increasing the food supply."

"Minister of the Interior Prottopopoff was absent from Saturday's conference on the food question. M. Prottopopoff is a wealthy manufacturer and a courtier with a reputation for debonair duplicity. Reading in the Tsarskoe Selo Palace, he was reported lately as spending a large part of his time indulging in "spiritualistic" seances. Equally detested by the parliamentarians and the people, he had never appeared in the Duma since his appointment as a minister."

"With such an administration of agriculture and the interior and with the premier a nonentity it was not surprising that the food prospects were regarded by members of the Duma with the greatest alarm and dismay. While the Duma leaders were discussing the food situation the people in the streets were getting more and more voluble in their protests against the whole situation."

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, March 15.—The bank clearings here for the week ended yesterday were \$27,496,810. For the corresponding week last year the clearings were \$24,578,412, and \$20,727,183 in 1915.



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TWO CHILDREN HIT BY AUTOS IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, March 15.—Two children were injured yesterday afternoon by being struck by automobiles. One of them, Virginia Gamage, aged five, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Gamage, 1740 Alberni Street, lies in hospital with a fractured skull, and the chances are against her recovery. John Ball, a small boy whose parents reside in the 609 block of Howe Street, escaped serious injury but sustained numerous bruises and contusions. The little Gamage girl was playing with several other children near the corner of Alberni and Derham Streets when she was struck down by an automobile driven by Luigi Federico, of 852 Union Street. The driver of the car at once picked up the little one, who was unconscious, and rushed her to the General Hospital. The accident occurred about 4 p.m. This morning she had recovered consciousness and the doctors advanced the hope that she may ultimately recover. John Ball was playing near the corner of Howe and Georgia Streets about 3:40 p.m. yesterday when an automobile driven by Alex. Seclair struck him. Fortunately the car was not going very fast at the time and he escaped with minor injuries.

TWO MORE AMERICANS KILLED IN MEXICO

El Paso, March 15.—Partial confirmation of the report of the massacre of the employees of the Magistral mines at El Oro, Durango, including Luis Seliger and Charles Winn, Americans, a mining company in the Magistral district. A Mexican employee reached the border last night from El Oro and said Seliger, Winn and the Mexicans from Magistral had gone to El Oro for safety and were surrounded by bandits when the messenger fled to the border. A band of rebels entered El Oro seven days ago, he said, but was driven off by the Mexicans, led by Seliger and Winn. The bandits returned the same day with 500 men, he said, and surrounded the house where the Americans were. Winn and Seliger were fighting from the roof of the house when he fled, the Mexican said, and he believed they and the Mexicans later were killed.

FREIGHT RATES.

Regina, March 15.—Judgment was rendered in the protest of the Regina Board of Trade against the increased freight rates on canned goods from Pacific Coast points, heard before the Railway Commission sitting in Regina yesterday. L. T. McDonald, appeared for the Board of Trade, and evidence also was submitted by G. E. Carpenter, secretary of the Manufacturers' Association of the West.

CRYSTALLIZATION OF ONE IN TWELVE MAY

WILL OF PEOPLE REFUSE TO STRIKE

Meaning of Russian Revolution, as Frank H. Simonds Sees It

American Railroad Brotherhoods Would Not Be Disappointed at This

New York, March 15.—(By Frank H. Simonds.)—The revolution in Russia may easily prove one of the greatest incidents in the war, one of the decisive facts in determining German defeat and one of the landmarks in human history, as it indicates the bringing of 150,000,000 people within the frontiers of democracy.

New York, March 15.—Reports from Kansas City and other points in the west that some of the railroad employees were unwilling to obey a strike call were met by a statement this forenoon by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, that the leaders expected at least one in twelve to refuse to strike.

It has been a matter of common knowledge throughout Europe that for more than a year conditions in Russia have been exceedingly bad. Ever since Sturmer came into power it has been increasingly realized that the influence of the Government and of governmental officials was being concentrated, not upon prosecuting the war, but upon disorganizing the national efforts to supply Russian defects and Russian weaknesses.

"Do not forget that we left the entire matter to President Wilson last August and agreed to abide by his proposal then. The railroads refused to settle the question. I have since publicly proposed to leave the entire controversy to President Wilson to say personally whether we should have the eight-hour day in freight and yard service without reduction of the present daily rates."

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 15.—The following casualties have been announced: Infantry. Accidentally killed—Pte. O. Duchateau, Montreal. Killed in action—Pte. D. McDougall, Sydney, N. S.; Pte. A. Robertson, Scotland; Pte. H. Hamel, Montreal; Pte. J. Rousseau, Quebec; Pte. E. Gard, England; Pte. V. Tallis, Horden, Sask.; Pte. J. McQuarrie, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Pte. M. Kovachek, Russia; Pte. J. Cole, Toronto; Cpl. J. Knox, Regina; Pte. R. Naffin, Winnipeg; Pte. R. McLane, Sydney, C. B.; Pte. W. Bateson, Campbellford, Ont.; Pte. V. C. Garland, England; Pte. C. Madison, Denmark; Sgt. A. E. Wallis, England; Pte. E. S. Embroski, Russia; Pte. G. O. Coons, Lakshura, Ont.; Pte. C. Craft, Peterboro, Ont.; Pte. W. Kinstry, Peterboro, Ont.; Pte. J. O'Neil, Toronto.

Diol—Pte. G. King, England; Pte. W. H. Murray, Prince, Alta.; Pte. D. Campbell, Quebec; Pte. A. Baird, Scotland; Pte. G. S. McKay, Scotland; Pte. H. McAfee, Deseronto, Ont.; Presumed to have died—Sgt. W. A. Thomas, Vancouver; Pte. T. Waugh, England; Pte. A. D. Wozencroft, Wales. Suffering from gas poisoning—Sgt. D. Turnbull, Pittsfield, Mass.; Pte. J. W. Johnston, Toronto; Pte. G. Hopson, Toronto. Wounded but remaining on duty—Pte. W. E. Treavor, Fall River, Mass.; Pte. E. Dodds, New Westminster, B. C.; Wounded, but returned to duty—Pte. W. McGrillie, Miami, Man.; Pte. J. Capell, Holland; Col. W. Purdy, Montreal, Alta.; Pte. A. Webb, Amulet, Sask.; Pte. H. Catto, Owen Sound, Ont.; Pte. F. Read, Regina, Sask.

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It is too early, of course, to say what the present revolution means. It is too early to say that what seems to be a success for the national party will prove a permanent success. But in regard had for the incomplete nature of the evidence at hand, it is fair to say that it points toward a national uprising of the people of Russia to defend their nation and to defend their country which must suggest in many minds the uprising of the people of France when they felt themselves betrayed by their aristocracy and their ruler in the early days of the French Revolution.

For Germany an uprising of the Russian people means a defeat beyond all comparison, because the national will of the Russian people at all times has been to drive the Germans out of Russia—both the German armies and German influence. If Russia has at last awakened, if Russia has at last through patriotic Russian leaders taken charge of her government, her army and her resources we are bound to see a recrudescence of Russian victory at the frontier and a complete change in the whole prospect of war.

The army has long felt itself abandoned by the Government. It has felt itself betrayed from the beginning, when the defeats of Tannenberg and Gorlice were accepted as resulting primarily from treachery at home. The failure of Russian ammunition, which led immediately to the terrible disasters in the spring and summer of 1915, were consequences of acts of treachery and treason of which the world still knows but little.

Of Small Moment.

The personal fortunes of Czar Nicholas were a matter of small consequence at all times. He never was a strong man, and he seems to have oscillated between the pro-Germans and the patriotic group. His disappearance can have no meaning and the succession of the Carevitch must prove a mere matter of form.

The reported assassination of Sturmer and Prottopoff is not in the least surprising. Sturmer's succession to power more than a year ago was the signal for the beginning of the campaign to disorganize the army and cripple its resources, and in this campaign Prottopoff played an active and a malign part. There was a well-authenticated rumor last summer that Sturmer had attempted to make a separate peace with Germany through Stockholm. Evidence, however, with the zemstvo earned him the just hatred of every Russian patriot. If these two have perished they deserved their fate.

Small as is the sum of information that has as yet come to us, it would be impossible to exaggerate the importance that the Russian revolution may have for Europe and for the cause of democracy in the world. The year 1917 may be for Russia what 1789 was for France and 1776 for the United States.

CANADIAN INDUSTRIES.

Ottawa, March 15.—Activity in Canadian Industries was well maintained through the month of February, according to reports received at the Department of Labor from points throughout the Dominion. This was so despite the fact that on account of adverse conditions on the railroads some lines of manufacture were hampered by slow delivery of raw materials and by delay in making shipments.

The trend of wages continued upward. The lumbering business continued active despite the prohibition of the importation of lumber by Great Britain. From all parts of the Dominion it was reported that farm labor for spring work is difficult to procure.

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Reported missing—Pte. J. Grivel, Fort William; Lance-Corpl. W. W. Richton, Fiske, Sask.; Corpl. A. C. Myers, Cananes, Sask.

Reported killed in action—Pte. A. Henas, South Battleford, Sask.; Pte. R. Evans, England; Pte. F. Savoie, Dalhousie, N. B.

Believed killed—Pte. Thomas Lee, Newfoundland; Pte. A. Wild, England.

Previously reported missing; now unofficially reported prisoner of war—Pte. F. H. Ilderman, Calgary.

Reported wounded but remaining on duty—Pte. E. G. Eddy, Walkerton, Ont.

Mounted Rifles.

Killed in action—Pte. F. Carfrae, London, Ont.; Pte. T. McAree, Ireland. Died—Pte. Hedley B. Ames, Seaview, P. E. I.

Reported killed in action—Pte. A. Liprot, England.

Reported died while prisoner of war—Pte. G. E. Moss, Souris, Man.

Artillery.

Killed in action—Gnr. J. I. Brown, Toronto.

Reported wounded—Driver R. G. Hutcherson, Montreal; Bombr. I. B. Rogers, Farm School, N. C.

Reported wounded, but remaining on duty—Bombr. G. R. J. Fennan, England.

Wounded—Gnr. W. Robinson, Verdun, Que.

Engineers.

Killed in action—Sapper H. Shipnys, Ontario.

Reported wounded, but remaining on duty—Serg. A. Wilson, Brampton, Ont.

III—Sapper W. J. Andrews, England. Wounded—Sapper E. R. F. Stantforth, England; Sgt. T. Roberts (702847A), Esquimalt, B. C.; Corpl. R.

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RUSSIA'S GREAT CONQUEST.

To grasp the full significance of Russia's conquest of herself, the greatest victory in her history, it is worth while recalling the events which led to the epochal convulsion of the last few days.

aries, the object of the first being to make the Grand Duke a scapegoat and that of the second to keep the Czar in the good graces of the army.

This set-back, however, strengthened the hands of the Duma, backed by the Zemstvos or provincial councils, who demanded a thorough reorganization. Fearful of the anger of the people, the reactionaries for a time gave way and through the co-operation of the Duma with the various provincial and municipal authorities as well as the ablest men in the country generally the munition and transport problems were vastly improved.

Then the real Russia took action. Rasputin the Monk was killed. The Sturmer Government in a panic resigned and the Treppoff ministry, friendly to parliamentary institutions, took office, but only for a short time.

When war broke out the Goremynkin Government was in power. Goremynkin was an extreme reactionary who hated the Duma and all its works. Fortunately the Department of Foreign Affairs was under the direction of M. Sazonoff, Russia's ablest and most far-sighted statesman.

voite face. No influence can move that mighty mass back to the old beaten path. A new democracy of unimaginable potentialities has sprung into being, a democracy that will be welcomed enthusiastically by the great democracies of the west—its Allies in this war.

Will the great Russian upheaval have an echo in Germany? We may be sure the Kaiser and his satellites at this moment are very apprehensive about it. It is significant that Behmann-Hollweg took occasion yesterday to foreshadow wide parliamentary reforms—after the war.

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It is not surprising that the principal military leaders in Russia support the revolution. Their reputations and lives, as well as the fate of their armies, depend upon the loyalty and efficient administration of the Government behind them.

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STATES TURNS DOWN CARRANZA'S PROPOSAL

Washington, March 15.—The American Government has made a further reply to General Carranza's proposal to place an embargo on shipments of food and munitions to the European belligerents as a means of bringing about peace. It will not be made public until after it has reached Mexico City.

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Soldier Will Lecture.—Capt. W. H. Hayward, M. P., returned on furlough from the front, has kindly consented to address a meeting for the benefit of Hollywood Red Cross Society funds. The lecture will be in the Empress ball-room on Tuesday evening, March 27. A musical programme is being arranged in connection with the event.

Local Preachers' Union.—The Local Preachers' Union held their annual meeting last evening at the residence of W. Lambert, many being present. Mr. Ritchie gave a paper on "The Local Preacher and His Message." This was followed by discussion. N. Shakespeare was re-elected president, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Mr. Ritchie when a paper will be given by Mr. Grist.

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BUYERS BACK FROM EASTERN MARKETS

Conditions Point to Further Rise in Prices; Materials Are Scarce

"It would indeed be almost impossible for me to exaggerate the difficulties which the buyer meets in eastern cities when purchasing for his firm," was the statement made by Mr. Doer, of Gordon's Ltd., of this city, when interviewed by the Times representative, on his return with Mrs. Flaherty, the head of the "Ready-made" department, with whom he has been visiting the large houses of New York, Montreal and Toronto, purchasing the spring stock for the local establishment.

One circumstance which impressed itself very forcibly upon Mr. Doer's mind was that the retail houses of Eastern Canada are charging the customer a higher price for goods than is being asked in Victoria and the other cities of Western Canada. "We are apt to imagine," said Mr. Doer, "that in this far western country prices are high and living more costly than in cities in the vicinity of the great mills and manufacturing establishments; but such is not the case. The firm of Gordon's Ltd. is retailing goods at lower prices than that at which the same quality of material is being sold in Eastern Canada."

"I may say that never before have I met with such difficulty in obtaining the high class of goods that this house is accustomed to handle. The great demand for not only wool but also cotton and other materials, as a result of the present world situation, makes it next to impossible for the buyer to completely satisfy himself. I am making a conservative statement, however, when I say that I have been successful in procuring an excellent stock of spring materials and furnishings, far above what the conditions of the market gave me confidence to predict."

In regard to prices of material and the prospects of a decrease in the near future, Mr. Doer continued: "There is little or no indication of any reduction in the cost of materials and furnishings for some considerable time. In fact I may say that while a decrease is very improbable, it is equally certain that the future will see a considerable advance in price over that which people are called upon to pay at present. One indication that such a rise is considered inevitable, is seen in the fact that the large eastern mills and manufacturing houses are very loath, and in the majority of cases refuse entirely to contract for work to be completed in several months' time."

Mrs. Flaherty, head of the "Ready-made" department, stated that the five weeks which she had spent in Eastern Canada had been productive of very promising results. She referred to the fact that it is now impossible to purchase reliable goods at anything like the price for which they could be obtained before the war, and that the dyes which are now being used cannot compare at all with those which were the property of the world before the war.

"The fact which I wish to impress upon the people of this city," said Mrs. Flaherty, "is that we have purchased a stock of all lines of ladies' ready-made furnishings. All this stock is of the latest and most up-to-date nature. The styles are precisely the correct thing as recognized by the fashion world of the day and we are selling these goods at the most reasonable price possible. Without a doubt western people are buying goods to-day at lower prices than the same standard of materials are selling for in the east, so that although prices here are considered to be high, they are comparatively moderate when considered with those paid in Toronto and Montreal."

TO HOLD CONFERENCE

Methodist Church Delegates Convening Here for Week in May.

The Methodist Church in British Columbia will open its thirty-first annual conference on Thursday, May 17, in Victoria. The programme, which extends over a week, has already been drawn up, and contains many interesting features, among the speakers scheduled to appear being pioneer Methodist workers both in this province and elsewhere. Many interesting discussions are cast, and on the third day there will be a ministerial session, a laymen's session, and a probationers' session, in addition to the general session.

Between 150 and 200 delegates from all parts of the province are expected, and arrangements are being made now to billet the visitors with members of the various Methodist churches of the city.

The programme will open on Wednesday, May 16, with an evening (patronal) conference, when Premier Brewster will be the principal speaker. Rev. Dr. Sippell, of Columbia College, will also speak at the meeting, which is to be held in the Metropolitan Church. Speakers during the conference will be Rev. G. W. Dean, Rev. Chas. Ladner, Rev. F. H. Starr, Rev. J. F. Howell and Rev. B. C. Wilkinson.

School Gazette.—The February issue of the Victoria Public Schools' Gazette contains among its articles some items of considerable interest. The report on the Red Cross Paper collection should be especially gratifying to those who have taken an active part in the movement. The general statements of the activities in the various schools show that sport and cadet work are receiving their proportionate share of attention from the students. A. E. Hall is the editor-in-chief; H. Jackson, secre-

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WEEK

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Provincial Appointments.—The following are announcements in the Provincial Gazette: To be Justices of the Peace, John Lincoln Barge, Queen Charlotte City; Frederick B. Gibson, Keremes; T. J. Kirkpatrick, Terrace; Arthur Colos, Esquimalt. E. A. Robinson, Nanaimo, has been appointed deputy mining recorder for the Nanaimo mining division, in the place of H. F. Helmsing. Dr. W. H. Sutherland, of Revelstoke, Liberal member for that riding, and Hon. Dr. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Education and Provincial Secretary, have resigned the office of coroner, hitherto held by them in their respective districts.

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H. H. NUNN,
Collector.

TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT VACANT LOT CULTIVATION

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- Fresh Currant Buns, special, per dozen 10¢
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- Finest Orange Pekoe Tea (new season's), per lb. 50¢
- Shoulders of Mutton, lb. 25¢
- Sirloin Steaks, lb. 26¢
- Fresh Codfish, special to-night, per lb. 9¢
- Fresh Cod Fillets, special to-night, per lb. 12½¢
- Fresh Halibut, per lb. 17¢
- Sweet Navel Oranges, reg. 20c. Special to-night, for 25¢
- No. 1 King Apples, reg. \$1.75. To-night, per box \$1.44
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And he did.
"Blue Blood and Red" is showing at the Dominion to-day and to-morrow.

THE COLUMBIA.

The triumph of the Canadians in the Battle of Courcette, which is being depicted in the official motion pictures of the Canadian War Records office being shown at the Columbia Theatre this week is creating greater interest as the week progresses. Apart from the actual scenes of the memorable advance which covered the Canadians with glory last September, the first motion pictures to be viewed of the famous "tanks" in action, forms an intensely interesting feature of the showing.

Probably no development of the war materials has created such widespread interest among both friend and foe among the countries of the earth as the appearance of the mysterious engine of war invented by British ingenuity and put into actual use in war for the first time in the great Somme offensive. In these wonderful pictures one sees the crew of the tank preparing for their "cruise"; and sees how they enter their craft preparatory to the exciting journey across "no man's land." The officer, the last man to enter the land ship, takes with him his mascot, a tiny black kitten, clones the narrow door on their apartment of steel, to lumber away over trenches and through entanglements with a majesty that is fascinating and inspiring. Long lines of marching men pass before the camera so close to the lens that one may recognize instantly a friend among the ranks.

RED CROSS WORK

The sum of \$12.25 has been handed in through Miss K. P. Duncan to the Red Cross Society, \$5.00 of this money to go to the "Comfort Bags" for the soldiers from the Children of Prospect Lake School. To send this money to the Red Cross the children agreed to have no sweets on their Christmas trees. The balance, \$7.25, is the result of a concert held in the school, and has been forwarded for the purpose of doing the usual Red Cross work.

The Fairfield Branch of the Canadian Red Cross announce a Bridge and Five Hundred tournament to take place at the Branch rooms, May and Linden Avenue, on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. There will be 30 tables, and prizes will be awarded. Reservations for tables should be made early to Fred Bellby, 5465 Y, or to the Fairfield Branch, 3894 L. The entrance fee includes a place at the table and refreshments, the latter to be served at 10.30.

The Cloverdale Red Cross Branch is giving a Shamrock tea to-morrow, St. Patrick's Day, in the Jennings Building, Douglas Street, from 3 to 6 p. m. Visitors are asked to bring supplies for the Convalescent Hospital, such as soap, towels, slippers, shaving necessities, etc.

Hollywood Branch.
Rev. Robert Hughes, Methodist Chaplain to the forces, Esquimalt, will give a lecture and lantern entertainment entitled "My Experiences in Belgium and Germany," for the benefit of the Hollywood Branch of the Red Cross. The lecture will be held at the Hollywood Presbyterian Church, Wildwood Avenue, on Saturday evening, March 24.

The committee of this branch acknowledges with thanks a ton of coal from Gillespie & McKay, and wood from Mr. Bayliss. Special thanks are also expressed to D. A. McNaughton and Mr. Fisher, who have made and put up the Red Cross signs and added many useful articles to the rooms.

Much work is out and it is urgently requested that the garments be finished before Wednesday, March 28, as all finished work is sent to the Temple Buildings on Thursdays.

The Hollywood Branch have now settled down in their new workrooms over the Hollywood Grocery. Mr. Bayliss has kindly given the use of the rooms, which are very light and conveniently arranged. The committee wish to thank Miss Lewis for the use of her cooking range, and Mrs. Bayliss for the heating stove. Mrs. Gibson has very generously given the use of a sewing machine. The following have given cash donations to the comfort-bag fund: Mrs. W. S. Day, \$5.00; Mrs. Hatt, \$3.00; Mrs. Kirkendale, \$1.00; Mrs. Nasmith, from the Presbyterian Sunday School children, \$4.50, to be given to the comfort-bag fund. Hair brushes, shaving brushes, etc., are needed to complete fifteen comfort bags. The committee would be very thankful for these donations.

James Bay Branch.
The past week has been a busy one with the James Bay Branch, the first event being a concert at the James Bay Methodist Church, the second the concert at the Empress Hotel, and the final event being the Bridge and Five Hundred drive at the James Bay Hotel. All these proved very satisfactory. But the entertainments did not interfere with the regular work, the following list of completed sewing being forwarded to headquarters during the week: 222 bandages, 78 day shirts, 72 pyjamas, 6 hospital suits, 4 dressing gowns, 137 pairs socks, 3 scarves, 1 pair gloves and 12 complete comfort bags. Note, Mrs. T. Fletcher adds a box of candles to each comfort bag shipped.

"The Fighters' Friends," a company of girls under 16, have turned in 14 pairs of socks. The following donations are acknowledged with thanks: Mrs. Riley, gloves; Mrs. Malandine, face cloths and old linen; Mrs. George Sage, Mrs. Wm. Smith, Mrs. Bostock, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Hodgson,

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

R. D. Kerr, of Midway, is at the Dominion Hotel.

H. W. Grundy, of Winnipeg, registered at the Empress Hotel.

W. W. Bailey, of Yale, B. C., is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

G. H. A. Mowbray, of Cowichan, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

R. Burnett, of San Francisco, is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. C. W. Dunne, of Crofton, B.C., is a guest at the Strathcona Hotel.

J. A. Tanner is down from Nanaimo and is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

A. Belding is down from Sidney Inlet and is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

H. R. Black, of New York, was registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Grant A. Stoneberg, of Boston, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Allen G. Freeman, of San Francisco, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

E. Gardner-Smith is down from Duncan and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Chas. A. Cox, Indian agent at Alberni, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Julius J. Bensabott, of Chicago, was an arrival at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

P. Hudson and S. A. Bray, of Everett, Wn., are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Miss Griffith Davies is over from Spokane and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Grace are among the Vancouver registrations at the Strathcona Hotel.

H. I. Stead, of Vulcan, Alta., is visiting the coast and is staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Capt. Murison and Miss Murison, of London, England, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Sergt. W. J. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson, of Fort Warden, Wn., are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Payne is in town from Saturna Island, and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. G. Smith and Miss Smith are down from Chemainus and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Watson have arrived from Rosanville, Sask., and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

W. A. Dashwood, Jones, of New Westminster, is visiting Victoria and is staying at the Dominion.

The Rev. W. T. Keeling and Mrs. Keeling, of Cowichan Station, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

C. Kinniburgh, of Calgary, has returned from a visit to the Sound cities and is again at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Parsons, of Owen Sound, Ont., are visiting the coast and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

A. J. Lindsay and Mrs. Lindsay, of Grandora, Sask., are amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Otis A. Poole, of Shidzouka, Japan, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday, awaiting the arrival of the Empress of Asia.

Mrs. C. G. Clute is spending a holiday in New Westminster as the guest of Mrs. S. J. Clute. Before returning home she will stay for a few days in Vancouver.

The appointment of Mayor Todd as a member of the Returned Soldiers' Aid Commission representing Victoria, in the place of ex-Mayor Alexander Stewart, who has resigned, is announced in the current week's Gazette.

Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Hasell, Mrs. Hebben Gillespie and Miss Crease were in Vancouver yesterday for the conference held by the executive of the Provincial Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire and the Vancouver Municipal Chapter.

Friends in Victoria of R. W. Service, the well-known Canadian poet, have received the interesting news that twin daughters have been born to him. It will be remembered that Mr. Service was married about two years ago to a French lady. They are at present making their home in Paris.

The WEATHER
Daily Bulletin Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 16—5 a.m.—The barometer remains abnormally high over the Pacific Slope and fine weather is general from the Yukon southward to the State of California. Fine, cold weather also prevails throughout the prairie provinces.

Forecast.
For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday, Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and higher temperature.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and higher temperature.

Reports
Victoria—Barometer, 30.41; tempera-

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Victoria Daily Weather.	
Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Thursday:	
Temperature.	
Highest	49
Lowest	34
Average	41
Minimum on grass	27
Rain, 98 inch.	
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CONSERVATION OF HUMAN LIFE NEEDED

Vancouver Member Makes Striking Contribution to Debate on the Address

Legislative Press Gallery, March 15.

The debate on the address, which has been on higher lines than it has followed in former years, took an even higher flight for a while this afternoon when Dr. J. W. McIntosh, one of the members for Vancouver, an alderman of that city and a physician of repute, got entirely away from party politics in the speech with which he favored the House, and directed the attention of members to some pertinent matters.

His one topic was that of increased production, the crying need for it, but he approached it from a quite different angle to any which form the usual avenues leading up to a discussion of the theme. And he did not touch on the actual matter of the growing of more potatoes or mining more ore or cutting more wood.

He touched, however, at the root of the whole question when he appealed for increased attention to the conservation of human life and health, the enforcement of sanitary laws, the stamping out of preventable diseases like tuberculosis, on the physical side; and for greater devotion to the true duty of education in teaching the child to think, to become technically and vocationally fitted for life, on the mental side; good health and a sound education of the real sort bringing in their train moral and spiritual development; and the progress of a people in that way inevitably resulting in a vastly greater and better production of all forms of material wealth.

Reform Expected.

Dr. McIntosh's speech was listened to with the utmost interest by every member and was heartily applauded. The honorable gentleman expressed his thorough belief that from the new Government may be expected reform along the lines he indicated.

From the two readings of Okanagan the House heard of the excellence of that district, of its potential wealth in the soil and of its irrigation problems, from opposite sides of the House politically. Government intervention was called for from both, but while the Conservative member from the south riding wanted Government ownership right off the reel for the benefit of that part of the country, the Liberal member from the north opposed any form of Government ownership of irrigation facilities until the Government had more data than it now has and is in a position, if it adopts such a policy, to make it applicable to the whole province.

Civil Servants' Status.

The fourth member to be heard was the junior member for Vancouver, who interrupted the House. He was caught up by the Attorney-General in regard to the enlistment of civil servants on leave of absence and difference of pay, and it was pointed out by the latter how unfair it would be to the ordinary called men to place the man who enlisted from the civil service in a better position financially than he who gives up situation and pay to serve his country. It was explained by the Attorney-General that leave of absence is now only granted, with this difference in pay made up, where there is good reason shown for it and each case is taken on its own merits.

J. W. Jones

J. W. Jones (South Okanagan) twitted the Liberal members upon their pre-election speeches and asserted that these were not being lived up to. He found fault with the Premier for not detailing the proposed legislation of the session when he was speaking on Tuesday. Doubt was thrown by him upon the sincerity of the Liberal party in its profession of intention to abolish the patronage system, and he drew from the Premier a reiteration of his assertion that every word said had been meant and would be implemented by early action.

Fruit Industry.

Coming from the heart of a fruit-growing country, Mr. Jones stated that there was an investment aggregating twenty million dollars in the fruit industry in this province. In 1911 there had been in the province 350,000 apple trees. In 1911 there were 435,000 trees and in 1913 there were in bearing 2,291,000 apple trees, from which last year an approximate crop of 550,000 boxes had been picked. There was in all about forty thousand acres planted in apples but these were not yet in full bearing. Of the crop this province took thirty per cent, the prairie provinces took sixty per cent, and the remaining ten per cent was exported.

Competition.

Strong competition had to be met from the United States by British Columbia growers. Four years ago there were 48,000 acres bearing in the three northwestern Pacific states, last year the acreage bearing had increased to 130,000, and there was now planted a total of 550,000 acres, the remainder of which would come into bearing in the next five years. Some of that competition had been met by the duty put on apples by the Federal Government. The United States shipped one thousand cars of fruit into Western Canada annually, of which British Columbia took one-third. In one month last year the Vancouver market took something like 50,000 boxes of fruit, which meant \$80,000 going out of the country which should have gone to British Columbia growers.

Okanagan Output.

The Okanagan valley produced eighty per cent of the fruit of the province, which it was shipping to five continents. The embargo which had

been lately placed upon British Columbia apples in the Old Land was a serious matter and the Provincial Government should join with the Federal Government in trying to have this removed. Mr. Jones urged Government action towards the curing of onions, of which the Kelowna district raised 5,000 tons last year, and there was an evaporator plant with a capacity of 2,000 tons. There was also an extensive growth of tobacco.

Serious Problem.

The most serious problem before the fruit-growers was that of irrigation. There were fifteen systems in the Okanagan Valley, some so old that the replacing of their flumes and ditches was an imperative necessity, and these served an acreage of about 50,000 acres of choice arable lands. The cost of these systems—two municipal, some mutual and the others company-owned—had been \$2,500,000, and the bonded indebtedness against them was \$1,500,000. The bondholders refused to advance any more money, the companies were insolvent or in serious financial difficulties and the water-users found themselves confronted by the possible loss of the water which was absolutely needed to prevent the district becoming a desert. The bonded indebtedness could be acquired by the Government at a small cost. The only satisfactory solution of the problem was government ownership and control of storage reservoirs and canals, the people forming themselves into water municipalities for the management of the distribution of the water.

Value of Government Irrigation.

Last year, from 8,000 acres in South Okanagan riding, Mr. Jones said, including Penticon, in Similkameen, there had been shipped 2,900 cars of fruit and produce, valued at \$1,250,000. If the 50,000 acres requiring irrigation were brought under full cultivation by a government system of irrigation the value of the product would be fully \$7,500,000. Mr. Jones urged that returned soldiers be made use of to supply needed labor in the fruit district.

DR. K. C. MACDONALD.

Dr. K. C. Macdonald (North Okanagan) spoke of the result of the general elections, and declared that only the keen and active interest taken in all public affairs by his colleague from the South Riding had saved that gentleman from sharing in the general downfall of Conservative candidates.

Result of Speculation.

The Okanagan Valley had suffered from promises for years, the hon. gentleman said. It was not the war that had created the conditions which faced the fruit-growers, but this condition was the result of speculation on the part of men who had come to the province for that purpose, and who had secured large tracts of land in order to subdivide and sell them, forming irrigation companies for the purpose of helping to sell them. The late Minister of Agriculture and member for Okanagan had long professed himself as the first advocate of government ownership of irrigation, but in all the years he had sat on the treasury benches nothing was ever done to bring that about. Whatever action was taken by the present Government it must absolutely show the user of water that his interests were to be protected. The companies which had established irrigation plants as an aid to selling fruit lands must be given to understand that they must either carry out their obligations to water users or get out of the way and permit the people themselves to do so for their own best interests.

Protect Water Users.

Dr. Macdonald retorted that the Government could not be expected to get in and buy them out because they were not able to operate themselves. Whatever was done must be from the point of view of the users and not of the water commissioners, with the one idea of giving the great mass of the people that opportunity which had not been theirs in the past. But at the present time, and without the fullest data covering the whole province, the Government should not go into Government ownership of irrigation plants.

Credits Commission.

He did not agree with Mr. Jones that the Agricultural Credits Commission had done good work. He did agree with the Leader of the Opposition, that one year was too short a time of operation to judge of a new policy of that kind, but there was no doubt that one year had been quite long enough to demonstrate some of the weaknesses of the Act as the late Government had passed it. It would require many amendments before it would do all the good that was hoped for it.

Lack Sense of Duty.

The honorable gentleman pointed out how lacking in sense of duty to the people the late Government had been in not seeing that the C. N. Pacific branch lines in the Okanagan were constructed, and he trusted the new Minister of Railways would insist on work being commenced and completed. Everything that could be done for the returned soldier should be done, and would have his hearty support, he said. The present Government was found associating itself with the everyday wants and life of the people, and in doing that would be its success. Its members were imbued with the one idea of carrying out the party pledges and doing something for the great masses instead of the classes.

DR. MCINTOSH.

Dr. McIntosh (Vancouver) apologized for taking any part in the debate by giving the answer a whip had given him when he asked if it was necessary for him to speak, it was not necessary but it was customary. He intended, however, to stick to one subject, that of greater production, the harnessing of our water powers and an all-round national development—physical, mental, moral and spiritual. On the former point he referred to the very high percentage of rejections of men offering themselves for enlistment found since the war commenced, running from fifteen to fifty per cent of the men offering. This was largely preventable and the condition of physical health in the Province could be vastly

improved. The Public Health Department of this Province had hitherto been largely a joke. Dr. Michael Clark, M. P., had estimated that there was a waste of \$160,000,000 a year in Canada which could be prevented; in British Columbia there was an annual waste in life and suffering of \$5,000,000. Increase of Tuberculosis.

In the one preventable disease of tuberculosis alone the death rate had increased by 45% in Vancouver and by 58½% in Victoria from 1914 to 1916. Notification of the disease must be absolutely insisted upon, there must be dispensaries, a follow-up system by nurses, segregation, hospitals for advanced and incipient cases. Incidentally, Dr. McIntosh declared that Tranquille Sanatorium should be made a Government institution and reserved for incipient cases.

Showing Results.

The value of such work was shown in the record of Hamilton as compared with Ottawa, a reduction of 54% in the death rate in the Ambulatory City as compared with the National Capital. Combined with the methods mentioned the purity of the milk and meat supply must be attended to, and the disease stamped out in cattle. In this connection Dr. McIntosh expressed his surprise that it should still be possible to purchase B. C. meats which had never passed inspection, while it was impossible to buy meats from neighboring States or Provinces without inspection.

Changes Needed.

Government accident insurance and an ultimate state system of medical attention were touched upon in commendation by Dr. McIntosh.

On the mental side the honorable gentleman declared the present system of education needed improvement. There was too much of the attempt to force knowledge into the child, too much superficial knowledge of a great many things, a slavish devotion to examinations for temporary purposes that could well be relegated to the background, no encouragement of the natural and healthy curiosity of the child; it was too much of the child's for the public school instead of the public school for the children. Technical education and vocational training were greatly needed, and he was pleased to hear what the Premier had had to say on that matter. We were losing the main thing that teaching should mean, the development of character. That seemed to be the one thing that was always thoroughly neglected. In isolated examples from the days of old Rome, in the days of the Renaissance, and here and there in many lands the results of such true teaching could be seen. The moral and spiritual sides followed the proper development of the mental.

Fight Corruption.

Dr. McIntosh concluded by calling upon all Liberals to assist the Premier in cleaning up all matters of corruption in the province; some of the enemy was to be found in the Liberal camp: "The closet door must be opened and the skeleton must be brought forth," declared the honorable gentleman.

J. S. COWPER.

J. S. Cowper (Vancouver) admitted that in the year that had elapsed since the last debate upon a King's Speech he had fallen from grace, descended from a seat among the gods in the Press Gallery to a seat on the floor of the Chamber. He found the debating power of the House had improved immensely upon that of the last Legislature. A year ago members, instead of talking upon education, or public health, or tuberculous meats, were all swallowed up in or paralyzed by the defeats the Bowser Government had suffered in Vancouver and Victoria.

Tribute to Ralph Smith.

Mr. Cowper paid a fine tribute to the life and services of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, with whom he had fought shoulder to shoulder in many a fight. The dead minister had rung true as steel, he was a loyal friend and a fair foe. (Hear, hear). Nineteen years ago Mr. Smith had brought into that House a bill to enfranchise women which had only failed of passage by three votes, and it was a grateful memory that the late minister had known the result of the referendum before he passed away.

Those Who Enlist.

The honorable gentleman referred to the case of two provincial policemen in Vancouver whom, he claimed, had been refused leave of absence to enlist, had patriotically resigned and would now have to take their chances with all-comers for re-engagement on the force when they came back. He blighted the Attorney-General for this and insisted that every civil servant who wanted to enlist should be given leave of absence and reinstated on his return.

The Attorney-General explained that a change had to be made in the system under which civil servants had been getting leave of absence and receiving the difference between their military pay and salary, as it had been found that advantage was being taken of this to obtain leave of absence and pay in cases where there were no dependents or special circumstances warranting it. This system of leave of absence and pay was a placing of the civil servant in a better position than those equally patriotic men from other walks of life who enlisted, giving up position and salary. Regarding the two constables, Mr. Macdonald stated that they would be reinstated on their return if they were physically fit. If not they would have to be looked after in some other manner.

Manned by Americans.

Mr. Cowper also complained that the official stenographic reporting staff at Vancouver court house was manned by Americans or German-Americans, while Canadians, and especially capable Canadian women stenographers, were seeking work in vain. One of these German-Americans had nearly precipitated a riot in Clifton at last assizes by his pro-German utterances. Mr. Cowper regretted there was no reference to the Dominion Trust matters in the address and wanted to

know if the Inspector of Trust Companies had never made any reports. E. D. Barrow (Chilliwack) speaks next.

JOSEPH MARTIN WAS SPONSOR FOR BLYGH

Certified Him as Proper Person for Commission of the Peace

Legislative Press Gallery, March 15.

The Blygh episode in Vancouver was referred to in the House this afternoon, when the Leader of the Opposition asked for papers in connection with the appointment of that former Victorian to the commission of the peace.

It came out that one of those who certified to "Andy" Blygh's fitness to hold a commission was Joseph Martin, K.C., for whose legal attainments the Attorney-General expressed his admiration.

Mr. Bower also got a couple of other orders, one seemingly directed to raising the question of the remission of portion of Peter Annance's penalty and the other being for a list of all appointments to the civil service since November 22, which was altered to September 14 at the suggestion of the Premier.

In moving that an order of the House be granted for a return of all correspondence between the Attorney-General or any other minister or official dealing with the order of Andrew Blygh, J.P., granting bail to Bernstein, Mr. Bower said he did so to draw attention to a matter of public notoriety, and to the fact that somewhat of a scandal took place in the administration of justice as the result of the raising to the bench of Blygh. Whether it was correct that a scandal had been created the correspondence would show, and whether it would be necessary for any member to take any further action.

The Attorney-General stated that

there was not the slightest objection to bring down any papers there were, if there were any. There could be no suggestion that there was any scandal in the matter of the appointment. It must be known to the Leader of the Opposition that justices were appointed on the recommendation of responsible persons. In this case he had the recommendation of a gentleman very prominent in public life in this country and one well qualified to give an opinion, and over his own signature Joseph Martin, one of His Majesty's counsel, made the statement: "I consider Andrew Blygh is well qualified to be made a justice of the peace. (Laughter)."

"It seems to me," said Mr. Macdonald, "that a recommendation from that source, however erratic it may be in matters political, is to be accepted from a man who is so eminent in his profession."

Mr. Bower got an order without any question for a return of all applications for pardons from the 24th day of July, 1907, to the 24th day of November last, the particulars of each offence, the reasons urged for clemency, the persons pressing same, and the result of the application in each case, and where pardons granted, the date of same; also all applications for pardons from the 24th day of November last to date, the particulars of each offence, the reasons urged for clemency, the persons pressing same, and the result of the application in each case, and where pardons granted, the date of same.

The other order secured by the Leader of the Opposition was for a return of (a) All persons in the permanent or temporary service who have resigned since the 14th September last; (b) all persons in the permanent or temporary service whose services have been dispensed with since the 14th September last; (c) dates of their leaving the service; (d) their ages and length of time in the service; (e) reasons for their dismissal; (f) list of those appointed to take their places, their ages and residence in each case; (g) also names, ages, and residence of all other per-

sons appointed, temporarily or otherwise, to either permanent or temporary service since the 14th September last.

That hardy annual, the Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment amending bill, was introduced to-day and referred to the private bills committee. Prayers were read to-day by Rev. J. G. Inkster.

MORE SEED REQUIRED

Vacant Lot Cultivation Scheme Growing to Extent That Specialist May Be Wanted.

The demand for potatoes, in connection with the Vacant Lot Cultivation Committee, continues, but while original stocks were quickly exhausted, Alderman Dilworth, the chairman of the Seed Sub-Committee, has been able to secure a good grade grown at Comox, which are being retailed in small quantities.

The rush for lots, and the pressure for plowing may entail additional help, Mayor Todd states. It may be found desirable, he says, to put on a man for a month to specialize in this work, since the city officials interested are overworked. For instance, the secretary has been unable to touch his regular departmental duties since the

rush started, and in the outside work the same thing applies. It appears that many lot holders and prospective cultivators would like the city to transfer its attentions to the neighboring municipalities and do cultivating there, but doubt exists as to the legality of the proceedings. In addition most of the municipalities have already planned their own cultivation schemes.

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Forms of application may be obtained from any branch in Canada of any chartered bank and at the office of any Assistant Receiver General in Canada.

Subscriptions must be for even hundreds of dollars.

In case of partial allotments the surplus deposit will be applied towards payment of the amount due on the April instalment.

Scrip certificates, non-negotiable or payable to bearer in accordance with the choice of the applicant for registered or bearer bonds, will be issued, after allotment, in exchange for the provisional receipts.

When the scrip certificates have been paid in full and payment endorsed thereon by the bank receiving the money, they may be exchanged for bonds, when prepared, with coupons attached, payable to bearer or registered as to principal, or for fully registered bonds, when prepared, without coupons, in accordance with the application.

Delivery of scrip certificates and of bonds will be made through the chartered banks.

The issue will be exempt from taxes—including any income tax—imposed in pursuance of legislation enacted by the Parliament of Canada.

The bonds with coupons will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000. Fully registered bonds without coupons will be issued in denominations of \$1,000, \$5,000 or any authorized multiple of \$5,000.

The bonds will be paid at maturity at par at the office of the Minister of Finance and Receiver General at Ottawa, or at the office of the Assistant Receiver General at Halifax, St. John, Charlottetown, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary or Victoria, or at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City.

The interest on the fully registered bonds will be paid by cheque, which will be remitted by post. Interest on bonds with coupons will be paid on surrender of coupons. Both cheques and coupons, at the option of the holder, will be payable free of exchange at any branch in Canada of any chartered bank, or at the Agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City.

Subject to the payment of twenty-five cents for each new bond issued, holders of fully registered bonds without coupons will have the right to convert into bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 with coupons, and holders of bonds with coupons will have the right to convert into fully registered bonds of authorized denominations without coupons at any time on application to the Minister of Finance.

The books of the loan will be kept at the Department of Finance, Ottawa.

Application will be made in due course for the listing of the issue on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges.

Recognized bond and stock brokers having offices and carrying on business in Canada will be allowed a commission of three-eighths of one per cent on allotments made in respect of applications bearing their stamp, provided, however, that no commission will be allowed in respect of the amount of any allotment paid for by the surrender of bonds issued under the War Loan prospectus of 22nd November, 1915, or in respect of the amount of any allotment paid for by surrender of five per cent debenture stock maturing 1st October, 1919. No commission will be allowed in respect of applications on forms which have not been printed by the King's Printer.

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CAPTAIN M'INTOSH BACK IN THE SADDLE

Has Been on Mexican Tour, During Which He Recalled Life on the Plains

The genial presence of Captain McIntosh is once again to be noted on the city streets. His friends had missed him and wondered at his absence. It transpires that he has dropped some years off his life, and been back in the saddle as in the olden days, though not in the northern plains. It was in the fertile fields of Mexico that he once more reverted to horseback, to ride among haciendas, plantations and tropical flowers, and he did not find it as he expected, so hard on the constitution.

He comes back delighted with his tour, particularly with the fertile land of the coast plains and the great opportunities for development. Among his journeys he visited the property at Petatlan of the Pacific Government Lands Concession Corporation, in which local people are interested.

Amidst about war, he said he was told the chief field of conflict was the Hearst newspapers in the United States, at any rate he saw nothing very fierce along these lines. A complete absence of health laws in the towns, he pointed out, is rendered possible by the rapid action of the atmosphere in drying up everything within a short time of exposure, to the sun's rays. He took care, however, not to get too hot by spending a portion of the tour at a fashionable West Coast seaside resort, where the salt water had an even temperature which permitted bathing at all seasons.

RECITALISTS LEAVE

Havlicek Trio Benefits King's Daughters to Extent of \$100 by Concerts.

The Havlicek recital trio left for Vancouver by the midnight boat yesterday. Immediately after their second concert at the Alexandra Hall again held a big audience, despite the crowded conditions which were in the city during the evening, and again music-lovers and critics were delighted with the character of the performance. The violinist, Karel Havlicek, won many additional admirers after showing his ability as an interpreter of new compositions. His work bore out the first impressions given of a sincere and sensitive artist. The big thing of the evening in his part of the programme was the 18th Century Sonata by Beethoven, in which again he displayed much of the highly individualistic finesse which marked his work the previous evening. By special request he played Elman's "Lullaby," which proved such a captivating number in the former programme.

Miss Edwards's choice of numbers was probably happier than the first night, the big Wagner-Brassler "Waltz" being admirably interpreted. Her work as accompanist was not lighter than the previous evening, and she was again at her best with the violin. Mr. Parks's best song was "The Ringers," a beautiful modern thing by Lohr which found the young baritone an excellent medium for the display of his voice and of his powers for musical expression.

The King's Daughters, under whose auspices the trio were brought to Victoria will benefit to the extent of a little over \$100 as the result of the two concerts. This amount will be devoted to some of the numerous good works which are undertaken by the organization. The Order wishes to call attention to the fact that all advertising, printing, etc., in connection with the recital was done in Victoria, this being only a small portion of the amount which was actually expended in the city in connection with the two concerts.

SIR LYMAN JONES.
Toronto, March 15.—A slight improvement in the condition of Senator Sir Lyman Jones was reported today.

HEAD HUNTERS ARE STILL IN EXISTENCE

Mariner on Yokohama Maru in Close Touch With Cannibalism in New Guinea

Cannibalism still flourishes in the New Guinea group, according to Capt. T. Ward, who arrived here this morning aboard the N. Y. K. liner Yokohama Maru from the South Sea Islands via Japan. Within the past four months Capt. Ward has traveled 22,000 miles, having sailed from San Francisco last November in command of the motor vessel Avarua for Guam, the small island possession of the United States in the South Seas.

Capt. Ward's mission to Guam was to deliver the Avarua over to American interests, and following his arrival there he was induced to remain temporarily in command of her. Up to the early part of the present year Capt. Ward navigated the Avarua in the South Sea freighting trade and had occasion to make frequent visits to the coast of New Guinea.

Still Cannibals.
"The general impression is that cannibalism is a thing of the past, but from what I have seen in the South Sea I can vouch for the activity of the head hunters," said Capt. Ward. "Civilization has yet to reach some of these tribes."

In making reference to one of his trips between the South Sea Islands, Capt. Ward stated that while running along the New Guinea coast he noticed what appeared to be a series of crudely constructed benches along a sandy stretch of beach, and taking up his stoves he discovered that the hitherto indistinct objects were rough tables upon which rested a number of skulls. "I counted at least a dozen," and the captain added, "we did not stop to investigate further."

Cormorant Seized.
Capt. Ward was at Guam at the time the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany, and he states that the first act of the American officials in the colony was to take possession of the interned German gunboat Cormorant and put the members of the crew under a strong guard ashore. "The Germans were not given an opportunity to destroy the machinery, as was the case in other ports."

From Guam Capt. Ward proceeded to Kobe, where he embarked on the Yokohama Maru en route to San Francisco. He is in the service of Atkins, Kroll & Co., a well-known shipping firm at the Golden Gate, and after reporting to his employers will take command of another ship.

He is an old shipmate of Capt. Kelly, superintendent of the Outer Docks, and lost no time in looking up his long lost friend. The two were in a reminiscent mood throughout the day, Capt. Ward leaving on the Yokohama late this afternoon for Seattle.

WIRELESS REPORTS

March 16, 8 a. m.
Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.20; 35; heavy swell. Passed in, str Amur, towing, 7.40 a. m.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 30.38; 32; sea smooth.
Pachena—Clear; calm; 30.27; 34; sea smooth.
Estevan—Clear; calm; 31.02; 30; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Clear; calm; 30.00; 30; sea smooth.
Triangle—Squally; S.; fresh; 30.29; 39; heavy swell. Spoke str Princess Matquima, 6.45 p. m., off Pine Island, northbound; spoke str Princess Ena, 7 p. m., left Ocean Falls 5 p. m., southbound; spoke str Cosmos, 9.15 a. m., 10 mi. south of Ocean Falls, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. E.; fresh; 30.09; 35; sea rough.
Ikeda Bay—Rain; S. E.; strong; 29.50; 41; sea rough.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; S. E.; 30.16; 40; sea smooth. Passed out, str Prince Rupert, 12.30 a. m., southbound.
Noon.
Point Grey—Clear; calm; 30.30; 42; sea smooth.
Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 30.30; 42; sea smooth.
Pachena—Clear; S. E.; 30.20; 46; sea moderate.
Estevan—Clear; S.; fresh; 30.09; 44; sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; calm; 30.08; 44; sea smooth. Spoke str Dolphin, 11.15 a. m., off Keip Spit light, 11 a. m., northbound.
Triangle—Cloudy; S.; strong; 30.30; 40; heavy swell. Spoke str Prince Rupert, 11 a. m., off Ivory Island, southbound.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. E.; strong; 30.08; 28; sea rough.
Ikeda Bay—Rain; S. E.; moderate gale; 29.78; 42; sea rough.
Prince Rupert—Cloudy; S. E.; 30.10; 28; sea smooth.

GOVERNOR FOR CALIFORNIA.

Taking out but a small list of local passengers, the Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Governor, Capt. Geo. Zeb, will leave the Outer Docks late this afternoon for San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego. The trend of travel is now northbound, and the steamer President, due on Monday, has a large number of passengers for disembarkation at this port.

CANADA MARU LEAVING.

Late this afternoon the Osaka Shosen Kaisha liner Canada Maru will depart from the Outer Docks on her return trip to Yokohama and Hongkong. Five steerage passengers will embark here. The liner is taking out a full cargo for Japan and China ports.

YOKOHAMA MARU HAD MOST PLEASANT TRIP

Only Adverse Feature of Voyage Was Cyclone of Short Duration

Apart from a cyclone of short duration encountered when five days out from the Japan coast, a very pleasant voyage was terminated this morning by the Yokohama Maru, which came alongside the Outer Docks at 8 a. m., just fifteen days out from Yokohama. Capt. T. Terada spoke of his ship being assailed by a westerly hurricane on March 5 when approaching the meridian, and for 24 hours the liner had a bad dusting. Big green combers continually flopped aboard astern and tons of water flooded the well decks.

Warning had been given of the approaching storm and the precaution was taken of double lashing the hatch covers, so when the big seas came tumbling aboard, little, if any water found its way into the holds. The cargo was reported intact following the arrival of the ship in port today.

The Yokohama Maru brought in 22 first class and 56 steerage passengers. Capt. T. Ward, mention of whom is made in another column, is en route from the South Sea to San Francisco, while other cabin passengers from Japan were T. J. T. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Amend, Mrs. E. G. Corbett, and Miss G. Massey. There were fifteen Japanese in the saloon. Thirteen Japanese and 1 Chinese steerage disembarked here.

The liner's total cargo amounted to 6,273 tons, including 639 tons for Victoria. The local freight was made up of 2,737 bags of rice, 2,551 bags of beans, 322 casks of porcelain, 387 chests of tea, 240 packages of peanuts, 175 tubs of soy, 109 tubs of salted radishes, 47 packages of waste silk and 1,185 packages of general merchandise. The through cargo included 2,984 bales of raw silk, valued at \$1,250,400.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, March 15.—Arrived: Str Admiral Watson, Southwestern, via Southeastern Alaska; str Al-Ki, Southeastern Alaska; str Spadina, Southeastern Alaska; str Niels Nielsen, Calcutta and India ports; str Dolphin, Southeastern Alaska; str F. S. Loop Tacoma, str St. Paul, Port Blakely, in tow of tug Tyee.
Skaguay, March 15.—Arrived: Str Humboldt, from Seattle, and sailed southbound.
Juneau, March 15.—Sailed Str Humboldt, southbound.

Tacoma, March 15.—Arrived Str Loeb, from Shanghai; str F. S. Loop, from Seattle; Bge North Bend, from Swanson Bay, B. C., towing.
Port Blakely, March 15.—Arrived: Str St. Paul, from Seattle, in tow tug Tyee.
Tacoma, March 15.—Arrived Str Admiral Watson, from Southwestern Alaska; str Justin, from Shanghai; Jap str Smedero Maru, from Manila, Sailed: Jap str Canada Maru, for Hongkong; Jap str Shinkoku Maru, for Yokohama.
Portland, Ore., March 15.—Arrived: Str J. A. Chamor and Klamath, from San Francisco.
Flavel, Ore., March 15.—Sailed: Str Northern Pacific, for San Francisco.

CAPT. SAUNDERS IS PROMOTED TO COMMAND

Capt. H. C. Saunders, master of the Union Steamship Company's steamer Wairuna, who succeeds Capt. Hamand, the latter having been given the command of the Waikawa, was formerly first officer of the Canadian-Australian liner Makura.

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, Capt. Saunders was sent to the United Kingdom to watch the construction of the new passenger liner Astorion. The fortunes of war, however, resulted in this ship being taken over for Government service and she is now operating as an auxiliary under the name of Avenger.

FIVE GERMAN SHIPS SEIZED BY CHINESE

Shanghai, March 16.—The Chinese naval authorities early Wednesday took possession of the German steamers Albatros, 4,249 tons; Deike Rickmers, 4,176 tons; Mei-Dah, 1,628 tons; Mei-Lee, 1,628 tons, and Sigang, 1,840 tons. The vessels were lying in the Whang-Poo river. The crews were put ashore. The taking over of the vessels was accomplished without untoward incident.

ENGINEER ON SUNDAY.

The Harrison Direct Life steamer Engineer, Capt. McMullen, left San Francisco yesterday for Victoria. She is due to reach here on Sunday night to discharge several hundred tons of United Kingdom freight.

CAPT. McLEOD'S CONDITION.

Capt. John McLeod, veteran north-western skipper of the C. P. R. coast fleet, who recently underwent an operation at St. Joseph's hospital, is reported to be progressing favorably.

WITH WATER TRANSPORT

PREMIER'S DAUGHTER WILL CHRISTEN SHIP



SERG. WALTER BROWN
Chief gas-buoy expert for the Department of Marine at this port, who is here seen in the uniform of the Inland Water Transport, in which unit he recently enlisted for service overseas. Word has been received at the Marine Department that Sergt. Brown has left Montreal for the United Kingdom.

LARGE OUTWARD LIST ON EMPRESS OF ASIA

Over Three Hundred Passengers All Told Sailed on C. P. O. S. Liner To-day

With 200 passengers in the saloon, 85 second cabin and a big list of Chinese steerage, the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services liner Empress of Asia, Capt. W. Davidson, R.N.R., left port at 8.30 o'clock this morning on her thirteenth outward voyage to the Orient. The liner, which was held on the mainland for delayed mails, sailed from Vancouver at midnight, reaching the Outer Docks at 6.30 a. m. for the purpose of embarking additional passengers and a final shipment of mails.

She was posted to depart at 8 o'clock but slight delay resulted when it was discovered that a number of the local Chinese passengers had overstayed and were not on hand for the customary inspection before embarkation. The Chinese agents soon rustled the tardy individuals into line and immediately the last Celestial had passed over the side the mooring lines were whipped aboard and the stately craft backed slowly into the stream.

A large percentage of the saloon passengers were composed of Americans bound for the Philippine Islands. Among the New Yorkers departing for the Orient were: Professor Bashford Dean, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. J. Beach, E. G. Boisseau, J. M. Boisseau, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ford, A. F. G. Ganser, A. G. Hamilton, L. Harrison, L. Herman, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Honigsberg, Harold H. Horton, Samuel Lund, Mr. and Mrs. D. Marcuse, A. M. Meldehorn, H. D. Meyer, A. G. Mueller, A. M. MacDonnell, J. D. Ormond, W. Rochelle and Dr. E. Selshury. Commander W. S. Crosley, of Washington, D. C., is en route to the Philippines, accompanied by Mrs. Crosley. Also leaving for the Far East were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Crutcher and family, of Toronto. Hon. Manuel E. Earnshaw and Mrs. Earnshaw are bound for Manila. There were a number of prominent Japanese aboard the Empress and many of their compatriots were at the wharf to see them off.

Apart from her large list of passengers the Asia took out a capacity cargo for Yokohama, Manila and Hongkong.

VICTORIA SERGEANT LECTURES IN SEATTLE

Comp. Sergt.-Major Manning Addressing Canadian Clubs This Afternoon

Company Sergeant-Major Manning, late of the 103rd and 141st Battalions, is this afternoon addressing the members of the Canadian Club and the Canadian Women's Club in the Washington Hotel Annex, at Seattle. Sergt. Manning enlisted for service overseas with the 103rd Battalion here and after a period with them was invited to transfer to the 141st Battalion, of Toronto, for the purpose of undertaking a special recruiting campaign. He has the proud distinction of holding the recruiting record for the Dominion, since during the course of his tours he was able to enroll no less than fifteen hundred men for active service.

He was prevented from going overseas by defective eyesight, and on that account "did his bit" at home in the manner described. He is a good speaker and will have much of interest to tell his compatriots over the line, for he went through the Boer War. He originally hailed from England and in civil life is a chartered accountant. He left the army at the end of last year.

RESIGNS COMMISSION

Well-Known Vancouver Officer, Who Went With 47th, Given Honorary Rank.

According to a recent announcement in the London Gazette, Second Lieutenant H. Grant has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health and has been granted the honorary rank of second lieutenant. Prior to going overseas with the 47th Battalion as a private Lieut. Grant lived three years in Vancouver and was a large property owner there at one time. He is a son of James Grant of Colbridge and served seven months in the 47th as a private before receiving a commission in the Devonshire Regiment. For four months he was in the heavy fighting on the Somme.

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TO ASK FOR RELIEF OF MUNICIPALITIES

Council Will Be Requested to Petition Government to Amend War Relief Act

A motion is awaiting signature, before posting at the City Hall, with regard to tax sales. It seeks to clear up the question which has produced considerable newspaper and correspondence and editorial reference, owing to the anomalies created by the War Relief Act of the late Government.

It is proposed by the motion to ask the Attorney-General to amend the War Relief Act so as to facilitate the holding of tax sales, and also to enable municipal corporations to issue safety sale deeds to purchasers.

At present the onus of proof that no person connected with the title of the property in question is serving with the Allied troops lies with the municipality. It is impossible to ascertain this information, and accordingly the city has not issued titles for its last tax sale, much to the annoyance of the persons who purchased. One case in point is mentioned, where four Hindus owned land sold at a sale, but one has gone back to India, and there is no evidence to show whether he has enlisted or not. Such cases could be easily multiplied.

A special committee brought in a report on this subject at the last convention of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, which recommended inter alia, that "onus of proof shall be upon the person claiming or entitled to the benefit thereof."

MANY MEN APPLY TO EXPLOSIVES COMPANY

When the Western Manager of the Canadian Explosives, Limited, was seen by the Times this morning he stated that as far as the company was concerned in James Island, the position was exactly as it was at the beginning of the week. Mr. Moore desired it to be understood that contrary to the statement of the morning paper he had made no advances in the way of a proposal to the men whatsoever. "The only new phase of the question," said Mr. Moore, "is that men are coming to the office in batches of half a dozen or so asking for work, and invariably leave the building with the intention of going to work."

Numbers of the men applying are in no way connected with the present trouble, and in many cases have not worked for the company before. For that reason Mr. Moore said he would much prefer their own men to go back if they were content to call the strike off, for he had no desire to employ fresh men when it might work hardship with the present members who were dissatisfied for the moment. He did not wish to discriminate at all in favor of new comers, and in consequence it was as well for that to be understood.

Mr. Moore Would Take Own Men If Strike Off; No Discrimination Desired

Asked as to whether the cessation of labor had interfered with their business to any extent, Mr. Moore declared that it had not made one particle of difference. His stand is that if men apply to go to work at the company's terms and they decide to proceed with their project, then the matter ends, since he is not admitting the existence of any real grievance.

NEW PRESIDENT HOPEFUL

B. W. Greer, Newly-Elected Head of Vancouver Board of Trade, on Grain Movements.

When the newly elected President of the Vancouver Board of Trade, B. W. Greer took office he said that he confidently looked forward to the movement of grain through the British Columbia coast ports. Had it not been for the war, which had diverted ships from Pacific waters, he stated that last season's crop would have been exported through this route. He declared that the steel ships to be built in British Columbia for Great Britain would load a cargo home and for that reason he believed that next year's crop would leave British Columbia in home-built steamers.

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(Centre.)

TWO LEAGUE SOCCER GAMES FOR SATURDAY

Victoria West and R. C. R. Will Meet at Work Point

Prospects are bright for some excellent week-end soccer. With fine weather and the grounds in good condition the fans are assured of seeing good play at whatever game they visit. Only two league matches are scheduled for to-morrow.

Senior League.
Garrison vs. Willows Camp, at the Willows. Referee, Mr. Goward.

Intermediate League.
Retailers vs. James Bays, at Beacon Hill. Referee, Sergt. Robinson. Besides these games there will also be a match played at Work Point between the Victoria Wests and the R. C. R., refereed by R. Lockley.

The following lineups have been announced:

Victoria Wests—Michelson, Whyte, McLeod, Allan, Green, Thackeray, Thomas, Pettifer, John Peden, Tom Peden and Hill.

James Bays—Shandley, Chester and Newman; Ackerman, Ledingham and Huxtable; Shandley, Copas, Holmes, Lipsky and J. Moffat. Reserves, Donaldson and Collison.

Retailers—Jessop; Day and Lomas; Bosson, Skuce and Noulton; Batchelor, Fletcher, Christian, Knight and Payne.

TEX RICKARD MAY TAKE HOLD AGAIN

Promoter Ready to Resume Practice as Fistic Impresario

Tex Rickard, forced to back out of the way once, yesterday loomed as the real, brass-bound contender for the boxing privilege at Madison Square Garden, according to a dispatch from New York. Unless Grant Hugh Brown, who at last reports, was running things in Madison Square, can dig up a little matter of \$200,000 he will be invited to move his office safe and other incidentals and the New York Life Insurance Company will look for other tenants.

There was no reason to believe that ten or twelve hours more would mean any more to Brown than a month did. He could not convince Peter Singer yesterday that \$200,000 more would see the \$100,000 already invested. However, he was granted the extra time in the hope that something might develop.

Meanwhile Rickard and his partner, Sam McCracken, sat back to await developments. When it's all over Tex will begin where he left off when Brown was given the Garden boxing license.

NOTABLE SPORTSMAN FALLS IN ACTION

Brigadier-General Walter Long, C. M. G., D. S. O., who fell in action on Saturday, January 27, while leading his brigade, was the elder son and heir of the Right Hon. Walter Long, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and was notable among sportsmen, besides being a distinguished soldier. He was universally liked, was a popular figure in the English hunting field, and a good man to follow.

Besides his prowess at cross-country riding in the hunting field and between the flags he was a well-known polo player, and was often seen out in the regimental team of the Royal Scots Greys, while he also took part in several tournaments. In addition, he represented Harrow in boxing in the lightweight, was middleweight champion of the British army for two years, and was within a little of getting his cricket blue at Oxford.

WRESTLER AND BOXER TO CLASH AT FRISCO

San Francisco, March 16.—To decide whether a wrestler or a boxer is superior in the game of self-defence, "Fighting Dick" Hyland, once famed as a lightweight boxer, and Champion Walter Miller will meet to-night at a local cafe. Hyland will adhere to the Marquis of Queensberry rules, while Miller will conduct himself according to the rules for wrestlers.

WELSH AND LEONARD MATCHED IN GOTHAM

A dispatch from New York states that Freddie Welsh, world's lightweight champion, and Benny Leonard, of New York, signed articles this week for a ten-round contest before the Manhattan A. C. on March 22. This will be their third meeting, Leonard outpointing Welsh in their first match, while the champion won the popular verdict in their second encounter.

Grant Hugh Brown, the New York promoter, threatens to hold up the match. He alleges that he has a verbal agreement with both boxers to appear before his club. He has appealed to the Boxing Commission.

FOOTBALLERS INVEST IN LATEST WAR LOAN

London, March 16.—The Scottish Football Association has invested £25,000 in the war loan. So far this association is the only body in the world of sport which has taken such a highly commendable step. Probably no other organization in football is in a position to do so much, and yet so recently as 1902 the Scottish Association, faced with the Boer disaster, had practically to rebuild their financial position. They not only own their one block of property in Carlton Place, Glasgow, but have evidently a few pounds to spare.

AUSTRALIAN PLANS TO BATTLE IN WISCONSIN

Fight fans believe that Les Darcy is planning to accept a match in Milwaukee soon, according to a dispatch from the Wisconsin city. The boxing commission is in receipt of letters from Fred Gilmore, the Australian champion's sparring partner, and from Darcy's lawyer. These letters give Darcy's side of the Whitman incident, and also state that no one is authorized to sign for the champion. Gilmore asks the commission whether it intends to follow the Whitman ruling in case Darcy signs for a bout in Wisconsin.

BOWLING NEWS.

In the Junior League the Quality Press defeated the Dentists at the Arcade Bowling Alley last night. The scores were:

Quality Press	Dentists
Proctor	146 114 128
Hood	134 137 125
Peebles	160 138 147
Loock	141 148 124
Pattison	97 134 141
Total, 2064.	698 671 695

Dentists.

Dr. McKeon	142 141 139
Dr. Hare	125 157 117
Dr. Moore	141 195 165
Dr. Haugh	109 114 92
Dr. Lemmax	117 134 143
Total, 1935.	624 652 649

The next match will be to-morrow night between the Toggery Shop and the Volunteers.

SISLER IS NEWEST BASEBALL PHENOM

St. Louis Star Heralded as Second Cobb; is an All-Round Player

Fielder Jones, manager of the St. Louis Browns, says that George Sisler is the best first baseman in the American League. Jones declares Sisler is in the same class with Tyrus Raymond Cobb and predicts at the end of the coming season the Browns' crack first sacker will have a batting average that will compare favorably with the records of both Cobb and Tris Speaker. Sisler played 140 games at first base last year. He made twenty-four fielding errors and his percentage was .985. He was excellent in this respect by Pipp, of the Yankees; Gandil, of the Cleveland; McLain, of the Athletics; Hoblitzel and Gainer, of the Red Sox; Judge, of the Washingtons, and Hellman, of the Tigers.

Led First-Sacker.

Sisler, however, led all the American League first basemen in batting and base-running. He hung up a batting average of .306 and stole thirty-four bags. Sisler's fielding at times was sensational. In fact, Jones says he has frequently seen Sisler make plays that Hal Chase could not have excelled. Sisler, a left-handed batsman, pounded the best pitchers in the Johnson circuit and displayed so much natural skill with his war club that Jones predicted last fall that the former University of Michigan star surely would be one of the greatest hitters in baseball history. Sisler played eighty-one games in 1915 and his batting average was .285. Inasmuch as he batted .305 last season, Jones believes that he will continue to improve until he is rated on a par with Speaker and Cobb, whose 1916 percentages were .286 and .371, respectively. Of the regulars who played in a majority of the games, Speaker, Cobb, Jackson, Strunk, Eddie Collins, Gardner and Veach were the only ones who topped Sisler in the batting averages.

Plays Every Position.

Jones' contention that Sisler's value to the Browns equals that of Cobb and Speaker, of the Tigers and Cleveland, respectively, is based on the fact that the St. Louis star can play every position on the field, except behind the bat. Sisler is a first-class left-handed pitcher. In fact, Jones had an idea of using him regularly in the box last spring until he discovered that Horton, an experimental first baseman, was weak at the bat. Sisler has covered second, third and short acceptably and also has done splendid work in the outfield, but his best position is the first corner and he will be stationed there permanently. It is freely admitted that Sisler is the greatest player that has been developed in the American League since Cobb, Speaker, Eddie Collins and other high-salaried

men won their spurs. Yet the Browns' star does not receive a \$15,000 salary. He accepted an offer of \$5,500, it is said, when he signed with the Browns and turned his back on the Pirates, who had a moral claim on his services. Sisler's rapid improvement has resulted in several raises, so that this year his salary will reach \$8,500, if not more. He will be a powerful drawing card in the Mound City and on the road during the approaching campaign.

BASKETBALL GAMES ARE ARRANGED FOR

To-night in First Presbyterian church gymnasium the Congregational and James Bay (League leaders) intermediate teams, will play the league game which was scheduled for Saturday, but owing to the James Bay playing their return friendly with Lady-smith it has been arranged to play it to-night at 9 o'clock.

To-morrow night at 7.30 the Congregational and Presbyterian H. Ladies' teams will play their regular league game in the Congregational church gymnasium, and at 8.15 the Belmonts and Presbyterian A Ladies' teams will play their scheduled match in the First Presbyterian gymnasium.

On Monday evening at 9 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church gymnasium the postponed City League game between the Firemen and Y. M. C. A. will be played off.

HONUS WAGNER IS STILL A HOLDOUT

Pittsburg, Pa., March 15.—Barney Dreyfus, president of the Pittsburg National League baseball club, announced last night that the signed contract of Max Carey, outfielder, had been received and a telegram has been received from William Fischer, catcher, saying he would accept the club's terms. Honus Wagner, veteran shortstop, is the only player who has not been signed.

THREE BOSTON SOX STARS FALLING IN

Oakland, Cal., March 15.—Duffy Lewis announced yesterday that he would leave to-night in company with "Dutch" Leonard, of the Red Sox training camp at Hot Springs, Ark. Lewis, Leonard and Harry Hooper have been holding out. Hooper, it is understood, already has signed. Leonard and Lewis, it is said, will talk over their contracts when they get to camp.

LAWN BOWLING.

The first annual meeting of the B. C. Lawn Bowling Association was held in Vancouver on Saturday, March 10. W. S. Chambers, Victoria, was re-elected president of the association. Delegates from eight clubs were represented. The Barnard Cup was presented by the Victoria Club to the association for annual rink competition. It was arranged to hold a lawn bowling tournament in Vancouver some time in August, when the above cup and various other prizes will be competed for.

CANADIENS ARRIVE IN GOOD CONDITION

Practice in Vancouver This Afternoon; Expect to Capture World Title

Vancouver, March 14.—Looking fit notwithstanding their long trip across the continent, the Canadiens, of Montreal, champions of the National Hockey Association, arrived in Vancouver this morning en route to Seattle, where they will line up against the Pacific Coast champions in a series of three out of five games for the world's championship. A large number of Vancouver fans were gathered at the depot when the Flying Frenchmen arrived and bobbed with Kennedy, Lalonde and Pitre during the visitors' stay in the city.

They will work out at the Vancouver Arena this afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock and will leave on the night boat for Seattle. The Frenchmen were in a particularly happy mood. All hands are confident of taking the long end of the series. Kennedy remarked that the boys had a chance to limber up at Winnipeg and again at Moose Jaw, while dancing to the tune of a gramophone was indulged in nightly.

"The trip has been a long one, but enjoyable, and we have had little opportunity to exercise," remarked George Kennedy, manager of the easterners and the Con Jones, of Montreal lacrosse, as he stepped off the train. "But notwithstanding this I believe that we will be able to show the Mets and Pacific Coast fans in general that we are the best hockey outfit in the world. Just what we will be able to do to-morrow night I am unable to say, and it will not surprise me if we are beaten, but once we get feeling right and we should be rested up by Tuesday, I am confident that we will make a clean sweep."

PASSES OUT OF MAJORS.

Waxahachie, Texas, March 14.—The passing of Wahoo Sam Crawford, for many years one of the big figures in baseball, was officially confirmed yesterday by Manager Jennings, of the Tigers. Hughes announced positively Sam would not be a regular during 1917. Present plans provide for the shifting of Cobb to right field and the playing of Hellman in center.

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PROVINCE'S SYMPATHY

WITH HER ROYAL FAMILY
Premier and Leader of Opposition Voice Feelings of People of British Columbia
Legislative Press Gallery, March 15.
A heartfelt expression of the sympathy of the people of this province with H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and the members of his family in the bereavement they have sustained in the death of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught was given in the House this afternoon, at the opening of the proceedings, by the two leaders.

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APPOINTED SECRETARY

G. G. Emery Assumes Duties at Y. M. C. A. in Absence of R. E. Crompton.
At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the local Y. M. C. A., which was held Wednesday afternoon, G. G. Emery was appointed to fill the position of Boys' Secretary during the leave of absence of R. E. Crompton, who is now on his way to France, where he will remain for some time in charge of one of the Y. M. C. A. huts on the western front.

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BROWN and White Leghorn eggs, Young & Hogan strains. Fertilized duck eggs, 3 per setting. West, 1890 Haultain. m22

AT THE MARKET SATURDAY—Roses, mixed, for \$1. Peonies, 20c each. F. Woods, Stall 51, Public Market. m16

FOR SALE—Almost new incubator, cheap. 422 Dallas Rd. Phone 4092L.

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FOR RENT—Partly furnished 4-room bungalow, Fowl Bay. Apply 589 Reid-st. m15

LOST—Tail lamp of automobile. Finder please return to R. P. Ribbet Co. m15

PROHIBITIONISTS—Meeting Saturday, March 17th, at 8 p. m., in Y. M. C. A., to select delegates for convention. m18

ST. PATRICK'S EVE—The Saint being Scotchman, the fitting for a Scot to direct the Scotch and Irish concert to-night in St. Columba Church, Oak Bay. Programme in hands of J. G. Brown. Splendid programme. Admission only 25c. m16

FOR SALE—1915 Ford in good condition, cheap. Box 545. m19

"THE DOOM OF SATAN and the Great White Throne Judgment," Rev. xx, 11, will be Mr. Robt. Miller's subject at Victoria Hall, Blanshard St., near Pandora, Sunday evening at 7 p. m. m17

"ISRAEL and Judah's Occupation of the Promised Land: When?" British Israel meeting, Tuesday, March 20th, 8 p. m., Congregation Church, Building. Entrance Mason St. All welcome. m16

EXCHANGE—Fine Cadillac car 1912, for Esquimaux property. Box 564 Times. m19

WANTED—Launch hull about 30 long, in good condition; must be cheap. Give full particulars in first letter. Box 561 Times. m19

WANTED TO BUY—A house for cash, in Victoria. Address 290 King's Road. m14

FOR SALE—Lots, 40 x 72, \$200; 40 x 92, \$200; 40 x 110, \$225; corner, 50 x 92, \$425; 50 x 110, \$240; taxes from \$7 to \$10. Scott Street, near Hillside. m19

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WANTED—Old copper, brass, zinc, lead, bottles, sacks, rubber, etc. etc. We buy and sell everything and anything. Phone 1229, City Junk Co., E. Barronson, 565 Johnson St., cor. Oriental. m18

FOR SALE—Practice upright piano, \$50. 1817 Quadra. m19

PURNISHED and unpurnished suite, steam heated, near beach. Bellevue Court, Oak Bay. Phone 2756. m19

NICE BEDROOM—Private family, close to post office. 428 Vancouver Street. Phone 2028L. m19

OH, YOU MEAT PIE AND COFFEE, 15c, at Percy's Lunch, 629 Fort St. m15

COLLINS APARTMENTS, 1116 Colwood, modern unfurnished 4-roomed suite, with bath, for rent. m19

WANTED—English pram; also tent about 42 ft x 14 ft, with fly. Must be in good condition. Box 570, Times. m19

TUBES—3 32 x 31 good tubes, \$1 each. 1616 Blanshard. m17

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DIGGONISMS—"If you would escape envy, abuse and taxes, you must live in a cheap well and come out only in the night." Diggon Printing Co., 706 Yates Street. Initials embossed free on any 25c. box of stationery this week. m15

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WYANDOTTE EGGS FOR HATCHING—No. 1 pen, \$2; No. 2, \$1.50; No. 3, \$1.00. Phone 321R. W. N. Mitchell, 24 George Road. m19

FURNISHED HOUSE for rent, 4 rooms, Davin Street, good garden, large lot, \$5.00 per month. Phone 321R. m19

FOUND—Wednesday night, man's bicycle, near Post Office. Apply 170 Bay St. m19

LOST—On Lake Hill bus, between Quadra and Government, or along Government, or in the Post Office, one minx muff. Finder please notify Room 10, Lethbridge, Ward. Reward. m15

TO LET—8x roomed house, Carroll Street, buttride Road, bathroom, basement, furnace; \$10 a month. Box 569, Times. m19

WANTED—Services of good, strong, young man, who can invest around seven hundred dollars in a going manufacturing concern; will teach party good trade; security for investment highest. Apply in writing to Box 569, Times. m19

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REPORTED MISSING

Cpl. Surplis, Son-in-Law of King's Printer, Supposed to Be Taken Prisoner.

Word was received this morning from the Canadian War Records office by Mrs. C. E. Surplis that her husband was reported missing, and is believed to be a prisoner of war, and to have been severely wounded on March 1.

Cpl. Surplis was acting in that rank in his section of the Canadian Engineers, and is thought to have been in the big drive early in the month, when the Canadians suffered so severely.

Cpl. Surplis and Mrs. Surplis, who is a daughter of W. H. Cullin, King's Printer, have many friends in the city and all will unite in the hope that he is in the comparative safety of a prisoner of war.

Only yesterday Mr. Cullin had a letter from Cpl. Surplis, who spoke of the preparations which were being made for the spring drive and added: "If Fritz had any idea of what we have in store for him there would be nothing to move when we got there; he would have moved out bodily." The letter spoke highly of the work being done by the Canadian troops, and Cpl. Surplis said that after the war this will be still more than ever the first of the Overseas Dominions.

From other sources it is learned that Cpl. Surplis has been doing splendid work and is greatly relied on by his officers to accomplish things in charge of a squad of men.

LOCAL NEWS

Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches, with unbreakable fronts, sold for \$5.00 each, by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government street? They're unequalled.

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Cellulose Case.—Both sessions of the County Court yesterday, likewise today, were taken up with the suit for damages between James and McNaughton. The action arises in consequence of a motor car collision some time ago at the corner of Oscar Street and Linden Avenue. The defendant replies with a counter claim and a good deal of argument has already been heard by Judge Lammpan. At the time of the going to press the case was proceeding. E. L. Tait is appearing for the plaintiff and R. Lowe for the defendant.

Demand Phoenix Beer, Home product.

NOT INDOORS.

London, March 16.—Rt. Hon. Bonar Law said in the Commons this afternoon that no orders had been issued in Dublin confining the people to their homes to-morrow, St. Patrick's Day.

BORN

PENDRAY—On March 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Pendray, at the residence, 216 Douglas St., a daughter.

DIED

PARKER—On the 14th inst., at Langford Station, Maria Parker, beloved wife of Mr. James Parker. The deceased lady was 71 years of age, and a native of England, and a resident of Victoria for many years. She is survived by, besides her husband, a sister, Mrs. Walter Morris, at Langford.

The funeral will be held from the family residence on Saturday, March 17th, at 2 o'clock, proceeding to St. John's Church, Colwood, where service will be held at 3 o'clock. The Rev. A. W. Whittier officiating in Colwood Cemetery. No flowers.

LANGLEY—On March 14th, 1917, Frances, beloved wife of John M. Langley, Chief of Victoria Police, aged 54 years. Born in Victoria, B. C.

The funeral will take place from the Chapel of the B. C. Funeral Co., on Monday, March 19th, at 2.45 p. m., proceeding to the Reformed Episcopal Church, Humboldt St., where service will be conducted at 3 o'clock by the Rev. A. deB. Owen. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery.

McMILLAN—At Ninette, Manitoba, Sanatorium, on Sunday, February 11, 1917, Jessie Irene, daughter of the late William and Lizzie McMILLAN, of Morris, Man., aged 37 years 11 months. The deceased was the granddaughter of William McMILLAN, who died at Royal Oak on July 1, 1905, and was a pupil of Prospect Lake School and sister of Royce C. B. C. A. (a twin brother) and an elder McMILLAN, now fighting for their King and country.

CARIBOO MINING CASE AGAIN IN COMMITTEE

Counsel Heard and Committee Will Decide Monday as to Reopening Matter

Legislative Press Gallery, March 16.

After hearing legal arguments in the Ward-Hopp mining dispute, and then considering with Deputy Attorney-General Johnson the question of hearing the evidence, the mining committee this morning left its decision over until Monday morning.

This matter occupied a good deal of attention last session, when witnesses were heard and majority and minority reports were made on the matter to the House.

The petition of Robert T. Ward and his associates, and of the Cariboo Gold Mining Company, Foreign, from whom they purchased certain mining properties on the South Fork of the Queenen River, near Queneau Forks, shows that the properties were in the possession of the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited, prior to 1906, which company spent on permanent improvements some four million dollars from 1895 to 1906. The Cariboo Gold Mining Company, Foreign, spent \$1,200,000 from 1907 to 1913, and paid \$30,000 to the Government in lieu of performing work. In 1912 and 1914 Ward and his associates spent \$40,000 further on the properties. It is alleged that the properties were "jumped" by John Hopp and certain employees of his, Muller, Bailey, McIntyre and others, in 1912, the point on which he relied being that the Cariboo Gold Mining Company, Foreign, had allowed its free miner's license to lapse and so could not legally hold any claims. The company's reply to that effect had held a number of properties under the general mining laws and also under special acts of 1894 and 1895, and that on abandoning its properties under the general law it was advised that it was not necessary to hold a free miner's license so far as those held under special acts were concerned.

Legal Action Abandoned.

Some question arising before the committee as to a pending action in the courts it was stated that last May Ward took out a writ against Muller, Hopp and the others, as well as R. F. Tolmie, Deputy Minister of Mines, and C. W. Grahn, Gold Commissioner at Queneau, for damages for conspiracy to deprive him of his rights in the properties. This was discontinued yesterday.

H. Maclean, K.C., Victoria, and James Murphy, Ashcroft, were present in the interests of Hopp and his associates, and W. J. Taylor, K.C., Victoria, for Ward and his associates.

History of Case.

Mr. Taylor gave a brief history of the properties, originally opened out by C. P. R. men for whom the late Joseph Hobson was manager. The claims were "jumped" by Hopp and his associates on the excuse that the company had no free miner's license, and the Government had issued leases to Hopp which acted as a cloud on Ward's rights. If there had been any default made by the company the only person who could take advantage of it was the province, which was in effect the landlord; private persons could not step in and avail themselves of such default. But it was Mr. Ward's contention that there was no such default, since the Cariboo Hydraulic Mining Company, Limited Liability, was not required to keep a free miner's license in life in order to hold its claims, and this extended to its successors in title.

Claims Not Worked.

Mr. Maclean argued that the legislation of 1894 and 1895 simply consolidated a number of leases and imposed certain conditions upon the Cariboo Hydraulic, one being that if they ceased to carry on mining operations for two years or abandoned the property for one year all its rights lapsed. Nothing had been done to operate since 1907, the company had sold out its mining equipment, and hence there were no rights which Ward or anyone else could claim. In fact, there was complete abandonment long before Ward or the Guggenheim interests came in, and the ground was unoccupied crown-lands open to staking by the first one who came along. That a caretaker was maintained on the property did not protect it from abandonment.

No Power to Bargain.

Chairman Thompson asked if the payment of \$20,000 to the Government did not relieve the company from the necessity to work the property.

Mr. Maclean declared that there was no power or authority in the crown to make any such bargain or accept any sum in lieu of the performance of duties which the statutes insisted upon. The whole question involved in this matter was one of law and thus for the courts to determine. But when Ward initiated certain legal proceedings last year he did not take his opportunity to have the matter tested, and now dropped it entirely.

Questions of Fact.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that there were questions of fact to be decided, such as whether there had or had not ever been an abandonment of the property, and what arrangements were made with the crown for a cessation of work on payment of a certain sum. His client relied on his search of the records, which showed that as between the crown and the company the rights of the latter were fully recognized as in good standing. It was rank dishonesty and political unwisdom for the crown to allow any person, or set-up any authority, to come between it and its tenants or lessees, as it had done here by granting leases to Hopp. This

SUMAS RECLAMATION URGED ON GOVERNMENT

Prevention of Flooding Would Render Arable Thousands of Acres of Land

Legislative Press Gallery, March 16.

The subject of the reclamation of many thousand acres of flooded lands around Sumas Lake was brought before the Premier, the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Public Works this morning by a deputation consisting of H. W. Vanderhoop, F. R. Crosswell, and J. L. Atkinson, dyking commissioners, Hector Stewart, Ing. Campbell and P. Foulkes.

It was pointed out that the project had been mooted since back in 1878 in which year there was a big flood. The nearest the matter came to be a definite project was in 1904 when four engineers of the L. M. Rice Company, of Seattle, prepared plans and a report, upon which the company made a proposal, submitted it and a contract was entered into. This contract was not carried out, however. The promoters proposed to issue bonds to the amount of \$385,000 at 5 per cent, over 40 years, secured by private lands and the Dominion lands of Sumas Lake, which were to be turned over to the Rice interests in May, 1915.

One of the reasons private funds could not be obtained for carrying forward the project was the character of the Dominion terms, which were based upon successful reclamation, it was stated.

It was urged that the work should be carried out by the Government or Governments, the Dominion having lands there also, that it could be accomplished for \$50 an acre and that a net return of \$25 an acre per annum would be given from the lands when drained. The lands would be available once after reclamation except the lake lands, which would take two or three years to sweeten.

It is understood that the Dominion is willing to convey title to the lands it has to the province if the latter undertakes to reclaim them; it was stated that the tremendous loss the farmers in the district have been caused in past years by the high water in the Fraser flooding their lands would pay the cost of the undertaking many times over. The area would be well served by transportation and should be excellent for returned soldiers, it was stated by members of the deputation.

The Premier reminded the deputation that he had taken this matter up at Ottawa when he was there recently and that the B. C. Government was fully awake to the value of the work asked for. He promised that the matter would be taken up for consideration at once.

MRS. JOHN LANGLEY PASSES TO HER REST

Lady Was Prominent Patriotic and Philanthropic Worker

One who has left behind an enduring record of good deeds passed away this morning at the Victoria Private Hospital in the person of Mrs. Langley, wife of John Langley, Chief of Police, 1051 Fort Street. The deceased lady had been ill for several months.

The late Mrs. Langley was born in Victoria fifty-four years ago, her father being Thomas Allatt, one of the early pioneers of the city. She received her education at Mme. Pettibau's private school. From her young womanhood onwards she was interested in philanthropic work, and for many years has been an active worker in her own church, the Reformed Episcopal, from which she will be greatly missed; and in the Protestant Orphanage, having been one of the members of the ladies' committee in connection with the latter for some time. Since the war she has done a great deal of sewing and knitting and Red Cross work for the soldiers, being a member of the Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter, I. O. E. She was also one of the visitors of the Patriotic Aid Society, being in the North Park and Cook Street direction.

Besides her husband there survive one son, Stanley, now on active service in France with an artillery unit. A brother, Fred Allatt, also survives, and two nieces, Mrs. Chadwick and Mrs. Rhodes, are living in the city. A sister, Mrs. Wrightford, died some years ago.

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GALANTRY RECOGNIZED



LIEUT. J. W. SMITH

RAILWAY EXEMPTION

North Vancouver Deputation Urges That P. C. E. Should Not Have This Longer.

Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Railways, this morning submitted to the Executive Council data presented to him yesterday by a deputation from North Vancouver city and district, in relation to the exemption of the P. C. E. from municipal taxation.

It was pointed out by the deputation that this works a great hardship on the municipalities, which have large bonded indebtednesses secured by lands which they claim exemption of taxation on. There are fifty acres of valuable waterfront in North Vancouver, for instance, in this position.

As the railway has not carried out its agreement and has not got its line completed the deputation thought now was the time to have a revision of the conditions of the contract and the striking out of this exemption provision.

The Executive will consider this phase of the P. C. E. situation with others.

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE DISCUSS PROPOSALS

Throw Out Power to Collect From Street Railway for Snow Removal

Legislative Press Gallery, March 16.

The matter of the removal of snow from the streets of the capital on which street cars are operated was before the municipal committee this morning, when F. J. Staepole, K. C., and A. D. King were heard on behalf of the B. C. Electric Ry. Co. in opposition to the city's request for an amendment to the Municipal Act which would empower the council to charge the company one-half of the cost of removal of snow on such streets.

It was claimed for the company that it already pays its share of this work all over the city as one of the largest taxpayers and that it would be making it twice over, to saddle half the cost on special streets upon it.

City Solicitor Hamington instanced the practice in other cities to do this. He held that when the company cleared the snow off its tracks by snow-ploughs on to the side of the roadway it should be compelled to pay portion of the cost of carting it off.

The committee decided to drop the proposal since it had not come before the City Council.

The committee approved of the proposed amendments to make the law stricter in regard to animals trespassing on streets and vacant lots, to give greater control over places of amusement such as pool-rooms to city authorities, empowering municipalities to exact trade license from trust companies doing business within the bounds, providing that municipal debentures held in London may be payable in New York, permitting the offering of prizes not exceeding \$500 for cultivation of vacant lots and back yards, and enabling municipalities to adopt a "good rule and conduct" clause in by-laws which will legalize the enactment of detailed provisions not covered by direct legislation under any of the heads of the powers enjoyed.

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WINNIFRED CUTHBERT

Aged 5 years, knitting socks for soldiers.

Winifred dropped a stitch the little fingers required the patience of the experienced welder of the needle to find it again. But she gradually succeeded. She intends to keep her brother supplied with socks from now on and sees no reason at all why other little girls cannot forego some of their play-time and knit socks for soldiers.

The emulation of little Winifred Cuthbert could well be pondered over by girls much older, who may not yet understand how much a plentiful supply of socks means to the soldier who braves the rigor of the trench. To have knitted a pair of socks at the age of five years is something to be proud of and is doubtless a record for Canada if not for the Empire. The energetic secretary of the V. and I. D. A. and the soon to be Pacific West Tourist Association, is naturally proud of his off-spring.

GUNNER LIDDELL DIES

Illness Proves Fatal; Deceased Was Resident of Victoria for Many Years.

News of the death of her husband Gunner Thomas Liddell, was received by Mrs. Liddell this morning at her residence at 2587 Cook Street.


As previously stated Gunner Liddell, who when war broke out had been a resident of this city for 3 years, joined the army with his two sons Fred and Jimmy. On arrival in England the father passed the examinations which qualified him as a veterinary surgeon. About the beginning of March he was taken ill while at Whitby and was removed to Bramshott military hospital, where he was being cared for at the time of his death.

A NEW POLITICAL ALIGNMENT IN MEXICO

El Paso, March 16.—Rumors of a new political alignment in Mexico, with General Alvaro Obregon leading the opposition to General Carranza and the de facto Government, have been in circulation here and in Juarez for the past twenty-four hours, having been brought here from the interior by Mexican and foreign refugees.

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NOTICE OF EXAMINATION FOR ASSISTANT FOREST RANGER.

Examination of applicants to fill the position of Assistant Forest Ranger will be held by the Lands Department as follows: "Victoria, April 5th; Nanaimo, April 7th; Alberni, April 9th."

For information regarding the examination and application forms apply to the Chief Forester, Victoria.

MUST GIVE ORIENTAL MERCHANTS CREDIT

Secret of Getting Business, Says Portland Man on Returning To-day

"The reason why I make that remark is that our business habits are not known over there, nor even the names of many of our leading firms on this coast, and the Chinese or Japanese merchant wants to see the goods before he will accept them. There is an excellent demand for Pacific Coast lumber, which will be forwarded when bottomed, and are available to carry it, also for flour, and other food products."

"On the other hand the Chinese and Japanese are exceedingly anxious to trade in the articles they produce with the cities on this side, and there is no doubt there will be a great increase in Oriental trade across the Pacific immediately."

Mr. Moran gathered some interesting impressions during his tour, which extended to Singapore, and during which he endeavored to push some British Columbian manufacturers in lines which were known to be formerly supplied from Europe, with more or less success. The success depended, he says, on national tastes, which vary greatly.

He acted as guide to-day to two fellow passengers from London, England, Mrs. G. Corbett and Miss G. Maury, to show them the city, while the steamer was discharging cargo.

Other passengers from the Orient to-day included Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Amend, on a holiday tour. Mr. Amend has been connected with the American Bridge Building Company at Manila for some time, and will return later.

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BANDITS ROBBED AND WOUNDED THE PARTY

Story of Thrilling Incident in Interior of China Told Here

One was limping about the despoliated house-boat with a bullet in his ankle, the other groaning with a wounded arm. F. H. Tyson, a Hongkong business man, and his companion, some few months ago reached a mission station at Wu Chow, in the Chinese Province of Kwang-Si, having been held up by bandits, and the house-boat looted.

Mr. Tyson, who spent last evening in the city with his wife, waiting the departure of the Empress of Asia, told the story of the unpleasant experience in which he participated, which might have easily cost his life.

They were on a trading expedition up the Hung-Shin River, and suddenly were halted by the rifles of a gang of pirates, who drove the Chinese attendants away, and then looted the boat, stealing everything in sight. They later playfully amused themselves with shooting down from protecting rocks on the two white men, who returned the fire as best they could. "In the struggle Mr. Tyson says each of them was wounded. Eventually the bandits went away, and the injured men struggled in pain down-stream to a mission station, nearly three days' journey away. "A close shave of having the limbs requiring amputation," was the doctor's report when the wounds were dressed.

The traders were in a part of the country where few white men have penetrated, although the staples of the foreign importer, piece goods and kerosene, may be found where no white man has hitherto gone. Mr. Tyson says the plunder of the white trader, particularly in South and West China, is not uncommon, but rare in the Northern and Central Provinces. The scenery of these interior rivers, with their foaming torrents and chaotic, is splendid. At the rapids the craft is pulled up-stream by chains, and the passengers then embark again for the points chosen.

It is worth going out after trade, he says, and taking risks, when so much undeveloped country exists, of which little is known, much of the present has an scientific knowledge being largely second-hand. He recommends the man on this side of the Pacific to study oriental problems.

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BONAR LAW STATES NATIONALISTS MAY FORCE ON ELECTION

London, March 15.—In discussing the Irish situation in the House of Commons to-day, Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared that the attitude of the Nationalists might compel an appeal to the country on the ground that the Nationalists were unwilling to permit the Government to go on with the war.

Mr. Bonar Law's review of the Irish situation was a long and careful one, giving the Government's point of view. "Nothing which has happened in the House of Commons since I have been a member," he said, "seemed to me more deplorable than the lamentable result of our recent discussion of the Irish question. This was despite the fact that there exists among all parties a stronger desire than ever before to get some settlement of this vexed question."

STRIKE WOULD AFFECT CANADIAN RAILWAYS

Montreal, March 15.—The Grand Trunk Railway this forenoon issued a notice that it has placed an embargo on all freight, excepting fuel oil, consigned to the company.

D. E. Galloway, assistant to the vice-president of the Grand Trunk, in a statement said: "If there is an absolute strike in the United States it will put the Canadian railways out of business inside of three days on account of their inability to obtain coal to run their trains."

DECIDED UPON.

London, March 15.—The abdication of Emperor Nicholas and the appointment of Grand Duke Michael as regent have not yet been carried into effect, though they have been decided upon by the Russian Executive Committee, Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced to-day in the House of Commons.

"MADE IN CANADA" TOYS.

The toy industry is not only spreading, but, which is more to the point, is becoming firmly rooted in Canada. It is already absorbing much of what is called waste in the country. It is employing a great deal of labor. It is appealing to United States importers. There are prospects that elephants, mouth organs, tin locomotives, tow-headed dolls, fires, drums, jumping jacks and all kinds of gimcracks bearing the brand "Made in Canada" are to become quite familiar to households in the United States in the near future.—Christian Science Monitor.

IS HOPED STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED

Members of American Defence Committee Working to Keep Railroads Running

Washington, March 15.—Considering the threat of a strike on the railroads of the United States, the cabinet to-day decided to have Secretary Lane, Secretary Wilson, Samuel Gompers and Daniel Willard, members of the advisory committee of the Council of National Defence, confer at once with representatives of both sides. This action was expected by the President and his advisers to avert the strike called to begin to-morrow at 6 p.m.

The mediators, speaking for President Wilson, will ask the brotherhoods and the railroads to postpone the strike if they cannot avert one, on the ground of national emergency. Secretary Baker announced after the cabinet meeting that the Council of National Defence, with the approval of President Wilson, had decided upon this step. Arrangements for conferences with the representatives of the two sides will be made at once.

Consideration was given by administration officials to possible drastic steps which might be taken to force the operation of the railroads in case the strike actually comes. One means suggested was for the Government to ask for receiverships, if necessary, for the roads, and undertake their operation. The discussion was entirely tentative, however.

Some of the President's advisers hold the view that he has full constitutional authority to take over the railroads and draft the officials and men to operate them on the ground of a national emergency.

New York, March 15.—The one hundred general chairmen of the brotherhoods of the eastern lines of railroads met here to-day to arrange details for the strike called for Saturday.

New York, March 15.—As one of the first steps to deal with the disorganization of transportation which would be caused by a railway strike, the national conference committee of railway managers has informed the individual railroads that an embargo on all perishable freight is advisable.

London, March 15.—American securities were affected by fears of a railroad strike and barely a transaction was recorded on the Stock Exchange to-day.

ATTITUDE OF TROOPS RAISED IN FINLAND

London, March 15.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Stockholm quotes the Aftonbladet as stating Finnish railway lines have been blown up at several points and that train service between Haparanda, Sweden, and Tomes, on the Finnish side of the border, has been suspended for more than a fortnight. Huge quantities of goods are stored at the former place.

Finnish troops, the dispatch adds, refused to obey orders from the late Government to proceed to Petrograd and a large number of them are supporting the new Government.

STATES NEGOTIATING WITH COLOMBIA STILL

Washington, March 15.—The treaty with Colombia to pay \$25,000,000 for the partition of Panama was withdrawn from the Senate to-day on motion of Chairman Stone of the Foreign Relations Committee, and will not be acted upon at the present special session.

Senator Stone's action was taken to foreshadow further diplomatic negotiations with Colombia for a new treaty which would not be received with such strong objections. An effort to frame a more acceptable treaty is expected before Congress, which convenes in special session April 16, has adjourned.

ARRESTING POLICE.

London, March 15.—A Petrograd dispatch said that soldiers there still were engaged to-day in rounding up the police, thousands of whom have been imprisoned. All the police stations have been destroyed or sacked and all suspected houses searched for ammunition and arms. This dispatch reported that a train carrying Emperor Nicholas had been held up by soldiers. The Emperor is said to be in a hysterical condition, while the Crown Prince is suffering from an attack of either measles or scarlet fever.

NEW YORK CENTRAL REFUSING FREIGHT

Chicago, March 15.—Railroads entering Chicago began sending out notices of embargo to-day. The first came from the New York Central, which announced that after midnight to-night absolutely no freight would be accepted. Notices from the various belt line companies followed.

ROBERT W. SERVICE LOSES A BROTHER

Toronto, March 15.—Henry Service, a steward at the Toronto General Hospital for the past ten years and a brother of Robert W. Service, the Canadian author and poet, died this morning.

GEORGE P. GRAHAM ARRIVES ON COAST

Gives Interesting Interview to Times Representative in Vancouver

Vancouver, March 15.—That patronage in Canada must be abolished, and that there must be some sort of body to look after the railway system and the appointments if ever nationalization of railroads should become operative were the two outstanding statements made by Hon. George P. Graham, former minister of railways in the Laurier Government, supported by E. M. Macdonald, K. C., M. P., both of whom arrived this morning, when in conversation at the Hotel Vancouver with a Times reporter.

The ostensible object of their visit to the Pacific Coast is to look into the physical conditions of the different railroads. They have been in Prince Rupert and have come from Winnipeg over the C. P. R. and intend to go as far as Edmonton over the C. N. R. To-morrow they will go to Victoria.

Hon. George Graham quoted the Intercolonial railway as an instance of bad management due, as he stated, to the patronage system, and said that business that should have gone to the National Transcontinental was given to the Intercolonial.

"Notwithstanding this," he said, "the Intercolonial was not paid since the present Government came into office, and this is in strong contrast to the conditions of affairs that existed when I was minister of railways. In my time there was only one year when it did not pay expenses, and that was due to causes over which we had no control."

Questions were put to the former minister regarding nationalization of the lines throughout the Dominion, and in reply he declared that that was a matter which would depend to a great extent on the interim report that would be issued by commission that the Government had appointed to inspect the various systems and to make a report at the next session of the House.

"I can not express an opinion," said Mr. Graham, "on this nationalization question until we have had that report. Of course, as I have stated, it will be only an interim report, but there will be, no doubt, sufficient in it to give us an idea of the physical as well as the financial condition of the railways of Canada on which we may be able to form an opinion regarding this important matter of nationalization."

It was suggested to him that if there was the patronage that he mentioned in the best method of abolishing it. In the event of nationalization might be for the Government to appoint a board of experts to leave the administration of the railways in the hands of the present railway commission.

In reply to this, Mr. Graham stated that it could not be placed in the hands of the present railway commission members of which were, while desirable, but not railway experts. Dealing with the other alternative, he said that that might be considered a remedy in the absence of anything else, though he was not prepared to bind himself to any course until the commission had submitted their report.

Mr. Macdonald interpolated the statement that the Intercolonial was the greatest example of patronage that could be found in Canada, and until this system of patronage was done away with, there was no use talking of the nationalization of the railways in the Dominion.

"What we want," he added, "is a system that will mean that patronage, not only in the railways, but in every branch of the civil service, will be totally and entirely abolished, and until that is done there will not be that efficiency that the country is looking for."

BRITISH STEAMSHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

Washington, March 15.—The British steamship *Menson*, from Dakar, Africa, was sunk without warning on March 12, by a submarine, presumably German, according to reports to the State Department to-day from Consul Washington, at Liverpool. Three Americans, Matthew Woods, Portland, Ore., and Jacob Simon, Staten Island, were aboard the ship and were saved. Members of the crew were killed by a boiler explosion after the torpedo had struck. The vessel sank in ten minutes.

Consul Washington said the submarine was submerged, but was presumed to be German. The *Menson*, commanded by Captain Brincoe, sailed from New York on November 27 for Dakar and other African ports. She was of 2,977 tons net.

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SNOW IN SOUTH DAKOTA.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 15.—A March snowstorm which in many places reached the intensity of a blizzard, was general over South Dakota last night and to-day. A high gale accompanied the snow. Temperatures throughout the state were moderate and little suffering is reported.

PLAN IS TO TRAP TURKISH FORCES

Russians in Western Persia and Maude's Army Are Co-operating

London, March 15.—Dispatches from Petrograd to-day, delayed for several days on account of the revolution which has been in progress in Russia, indicate that the position of the Turkish armies in Western Persia and on the Tigris, north of Baghdad, is even more perilous than had been supposed. The envelopment of the Ottoman forces is now a strong possibility.

Following the capture of Kermanshah the troops of General Baratoff are continuing their smashing advance in the direction of Sakkin. Somewhere along the seventy-mile stretch of territory between Baghdad and Samarra the Turkish army defeated by Lieut-General Maude is now encamped. Pressing toward it from the south are the advanced cavalry detachments of the British, while sweeping forward on its left flank and rear are the two columns of Russian forces operating from Kermanshah and the Sakkin sector.

At the pace they have been maintaining the Russian troops will be able to close in on the enemy's rear and trap him. The loss of this army would be a severe blow to Turkey and would give great impetus to the Allies' campaign against Syria and the rest of the Turkish Empire.

A semi-official statement from Constantinople admits the loss of Hamadan to the Russians, asserting that the town was evacuated without fighting. "In consequence of certain military measures which the Turkish commanders have taken in the interior of Persia."

NOT ALL RAILROAD MEN IN STATES WISH STRIKE

New York, March 15.—Reports received from various parts of the United States by the railroad managers to-day indicated, they declared, organized withdrawal by some of the roads' employees from the brotherhoods' agreement to strike.

TWO WERE KILLED.

Boston, March 15.—Two persons were killed by an explosion in the Suffolk County courthouse to-day. The explosion occurred in a washroom on the second floor of the building. A big hole was torn in the floor. A police officer said it was the explosion of a bomb.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 15.—Wheat displayed considerable strength at the close with all months at the high points. One feature of the closing levels was the weakness of the deferred months in the southern markets compared with May. Winnipeg closed 1/2 higher for May, 1/2 higher for July, and 1/2 higher for October. Oats gained 1/2 in May and 1/2 in July. Barley and flax was unchanged for May gained 1/2 for July. The trade to-day was very light. The morning period was very dull on a light professional trade, while the last hour saw wheat recover on some short coverings. There was no good business on this continent. The cash demand is falling off and only the light offerings keep wheat up. The market is unchanged from Thursday.

Wheat—	Open	Close
May	182 1/2	181 1/2
July	182 1/2	181 1/2
Oct.	182 1/2	181 1/2
May	61 1/2	61 1/2
July	61 1/2	61 1/2
Barley—		
May	103 1/2	103 1/2
Flax—		
May	265 1/2	265 1/2
July	267 1/2	267 1/2
Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 194; 2 Nor., 182; 3 Nor., 176; No. 4, 165; No. 5, 147; No. 6, 115.		
Oats—2 C. W., 62; 3 C. W., 64; 4 C. W., 64; 5 C. W., 64; 6 C. W., 64; 7 C. W., 64; 8 C. W., 64; 9 C. W., 64; 10 C. W., 64.		
Flax—1 N. W. C., 241; 2 C. W., 254.		

NEW YORK CUB PRICES

By Wis & Co.	Bid	Ask
Aria Copperfields	11 1/2	11 3/4
Can. Copper	11 1/2	11 3/4
Max. Reserve	11 1/2	11 3/4
Em. Phone	11 1/2	11 3/4
Goldfield	11 1/2	11 3/4
Hecla	11 1/2	11 3/4
Hollinger	11 1/2	11 3/4
Houlihan	11 1/2	11 3/4
Hovey	11 1/2	11 3/4
Kerr Lake	11 1/2	11 3/4
Emma Copper	11 1/2	11 3/4
Green Monster	11 1/2	11 3/4
Jerome Verde	11 1/2	11 3/4
Big Ledge	11 1/2	11 3/4
Inspiration Needles	11 1/2	11 3/4
La Rose	11 1/2	11 3/4
Magnum	11 1/2	11 3/4
Midvale	11 1/2	11 3/4
Mines of Ama.	11 1/2	11 3/4
Nipissing	11 1/2	11 3/4
Standard Lead	11 1/2	11 3/4
Stewart	11 1/2	11 3/4
Sybaris	11 1/2	11 3/4
Tonopah	11 1/2	11 3/4
Tonopah Belm.	11 1/2	11 3/4
United Verde Ext.	11 1/2	11 3/4
Tonopah Ext.	11 1/2	11 3/4
Mason Valley	11 1/2	11 3/4

METAL MARKET.

New York, March 15.—Copper quiet; electrolytic, spot and nearby, nominal; second-quarter, \$23 to \$25; nominal; third quarter, \$23.50 to \$25.50. Iron firm and unchanged. Tin steady; spot, \$28 to \$34. Lead easy, 9 1/2; spelter dull, spot East St. Louis delivery, 10 1/2 asked.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Brothers, Limited.)
Montreal, March 15.—Traders in the local market took an unfavorable view of the dividend-declaration on Steel of Canada common at yesterday's meeting and the steel stocks lost ground. A regular dividend of 1 per cent, and an extra dividend of half of one per cent were declared on Steel of Canada common. This places the stock on a regular four per cent basis, and while the market for the stock was weak to-day, it is thought the action of directors will tend to put the stock on an investment basis and consequently eliminate the large amount of marginal holdings.

The balance of the market was very dull and closed very little changed from yesterday's final.

	High	Low	Law
B-I. Telephone	147	147	147
Transtar Traction	43	43	43
C. P. R.	154	154	154
Can. Cement com.	62	62	62
Do. pref.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Can. Car. Pdy. com.	23	23	23
Do. pref.	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Can. S. S. com.	34	34	34
Can. Locomotive	54	54	54
Can. Cottons	62	62	62
Can. Gen. Elec.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Civic Inv. & Ind.	81	81	81
Cons. M. & S.	31	31	31
Maple Leaf Mfg.	24	24	24
Detroit United	117 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
Dom. I. & S.	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Dom. Textile	82	82	82
Lauriatide Co.	181	181	181
Loyal Conv. Co.	29	29	29
Ontario Milling Co.	110	110	110
Montreal Tram.	25	25	25
MacDonald Co.	153 1/2	153 1/2	153 1/2
Mackay Co.	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
N. S. Steel com.	100	100	100
Do. pref.	29	29	29
Amn. Steel Foundry	62	62	62
Quebec Railway	24	24	24
Shawinigan	124	124	124
Spanish River Pulp	17	17	17
Steel of Can.	60	60	60
Do. pref.	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Toronto Railway	67	67	67
Winnipeg Elec.	70	70	70
Wagayamac Pulp	82	82	82
Dom. War Loan (old)	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Dom. War Loan (new)	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
M. P. of C.	24	24	24
Royal Bank	212	212	212

CHICAGO ADVANCED ON HOPES ABOUT RAILROADS

Chicago, March 15.—The grain market opened fractionally lower, and on account of the little amount of wheat for sale advanced sharply, and similarly declined during the early part of the session. Later, however, the market turned strong on account of the prospects of averting the railroad strike, there being an advance in May wheat of nearly 2 1/2 points over the high of its opening range of 17 1/2-17 3/4. Finally closed with three points advance over yesterday. Corn and oats also were strong, both closing at their high for the day.

Wheat—	Open	High	Low	Close
May	176 1/2	182	178	182
July	155 1/2	154	152	154
Sept.	144 1/2	145	142 1/2	144 1/2
Oct.	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
July	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Sept.	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Oats—				
May	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
July	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
May	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE.

	Bid	Ask
Blackbird Syndicate	18.00	20.00
Canada Copper Co.	175	187 1/2
Can. Cons. S. & R.	41.00	44.00
Coronation Gold	95	95
Granby	99	99
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	99	99
Lucky Jim Zinc	99	99
McGillivray Coal	14	14
Portland Tunnels	99	99
Portland Canal	99	99
Hambley Carb		

MUSICAL CLUB GIVE
SPLENDID RECITAL

Operatic Programme at Em-
press Yesterday Appreciated
by Big Audience

However indifferent the public may
have seemed from time to time to the
efforts made by the Ladies' Musical
Club to provide it with something in
the way of good music the accusation
cannot be levelled against it in con-
nection with the entertainment fur-
nished by this organization last night
at the Empress Hotel. Only once be-
fore during the season has there been
anything approaching the interest and
enthusiasm shown in these monthly
recitals, and a subtle comparison of
the programmes in these instances
might give one clue which would assist
the committee to discover the secret

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 - 14. Silver Tea Service.
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 - 16. Oil Painting.
 - 17. Marble Clock.
 - 18. Silver Egg Stand.
 - 19. Vases.
 - 20. Oriental Embroideries.
 - 21. Silver Cake Dish.
 - 22. Brass Bowl.
 - 23. Set of Fruit Spoons.
 - 25. Picture.
 - 26. Gold and Sapphire Ring.
 - 27. Real Brussels Lace.
 - 28. Silver Water Cooler.
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 - 30. Old Chinese Brass Inceuse
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to maintain only the highest standard,
a standard which, judging by the big
audience which last night crushed into
the hall to hear a programme of operatic
excerpts, would not require to be
lowered in any sense to succeed in its
intentions.

The programme was not allowed to
begin until the thanks of the convenor,
Mrs. Baird, had been publicly expres-
sed through the spokesmanship of Mr.
Davis to Mr. Hamilton Esler, whose
experience and knowledge in connec-
tion with operatic work were placed at
the disposal of the club on this occa-
sion and proved of great assistance in
the preparation of the various num-
bers.

Mr. Esler conducted several of the
selections, the recitation given the
"Miserere" excerpt from "Il Trova-
tore," and two chorus numbers from
"Cavalleria Rusticana" being undeni-
able tribute to his masterly baton no
less than the singers. Miss Haggerty,
who has developed a naturally sweet
voice into a remarkably good concert
instrument, took the soprano solo in
the "Miserere" with surprising ability.
B. Mackenzie sang the tenor part with
a dramatic feeling, the two voices
blending pleasingly with each other
and with the chorus of male voices
which gave the beautiful measure-
ments with exquisite dignity and restraint.
H. Davis sang the baritone solo,
"Canzone Afric," from "Cavalleria
Rusticana" with fine vigor, and the
chorus, impelled by the commanding
baton of the conductor, did its part
magnificently. Mr. Mackenzie was
again the soloist in the finale, the
"Brindisi Drinking Song," which was
given with splendid spirit both by solo-
ist and chorus.

The programme embraced many fine
things in the way of solos. Vocally the
laurels descend on Miss Hart for a
rarely beautiful rendering of "Je suis
Titania," which makes supreme de-
mands in the way of vocal technique
as well as for musical understanding.
Without in any way qualifying the
praise given this charming singer in
the past, it is permissible to say that
she excelled herself, her voice being
at its purest, and readily responsive to
her always instinctive sense of the
artistic. Mrs. Baird contributed two
excerpts from the same work,
"Mignon," here again the audience be-
ing completely satisfied with render-
ings which were above criticism. The
"Gavotte" was happily expressed, mak-
ing a very pleasing contrast to the
"Duet Thou Know" which preceded it,
a melody of more sustained and com-
templative quality sung with nice feel-
ing. Other numbers were shared in
by both singers.

Miss Hart sang "Musetta's Waltz"
Song from "La Boheme," and together
with Mrs. Baird provided the two
female voices in the lovely little madri-
gal from "Tom Jones," the male
voices being Messrs. Mackenzie and
Davis. This number was admirably
given, and was encored. With the ex-
ception that Mrs. Dunsmuir instead of
Mrs. Baird made up the fourth vocalist
the same singers made up the quartet
from "La Boheme," in which the
voices held together well.

The prologue of "I Pagliacci" is one
of the prime favorites of all opera
lovers, and Mr. Davis is equipped with
the necessary vocal resources for the
trifling appreciation for a fine render-
ing of this dramatic part of the Leon-
cavallo opera. In both things he rose
last night to full expectations, the sin-
gle regret of those who dared to criti-
cize being that the lines were not sung
in the original Italian. Mrs. Robin
Dunsmuir's severest critic proved to be
herself. Her rendering of Debussy
songs is always pleasing, and the diffi-
cult recitative and air of "L'Enfant
Prodigue" were charmingly sung in a
voice which has a light quality well
suited to music of this character.
Mention has already been made of
some of the excerpts from "Cavalleria,"
which was the basis of the whole sec-
ond part of the programme. Miss
Peggy Pearce, who has the poise of a
mature and experienced artist, brought
to the singing of the "Romance" all
those pleasing qualities of voice and
artistic sense which have been so
noticeably developed in the young sin-
ger in the last year. Mr. Petch capti-
vated by an unusually fine delivery in
"Stellenne" from the same opera, his
singing having more of the assurance
to which he is entitled.

Instrumentally the programme was
enhanced by Mrs. J. R. Green's piano-
forte numbers. The Liszt transcription
of Verdi's "Rigoletto" expressed through
one of the most accomplished interpre-
ters in the world of piano music some-
thing of the most characteristic
side of two great composers. Transcrip-
tions are not invariably popular,
but it has to be remembered that they
are not always presented by such ar-
tists as Mrs. Green, whose name indi-
cates the high-water mark in pianoforte
playing. The Verdi-Liszt "Rigoletto"
is, moreover, an admirable concert
piece, and was presented, needless to
say, in the most forceful and dignified
way, the player being recalled for an
encore.

The orchestral selections were ex-
tracts from "Madame Butterfly" and
"Cavalleria Rusticana." The addition
of a harp to the instruments used is
a great asset and the beauty of both
numbers was acknowledged by hearty
applause. The Puccini composition is
perhaps the more beautiful of the two,
but both might be given to some fu-
ture programme with pleasurable re-
sults.

Mrs. A. J. Gibson has never demon-
strated more fully her great abilities as
an accompanist than she did last evening,
and if not singled out for individual
applause certainly shared not a little
in that which was given on several
occasions. Mrs. Bridgewater with the
orchestra showed no less ability at the
piano, the other instrumentalists being
Mrs. Green and Mrs. Bennett, first vio-
lins; Miss Williams and Miss Mesher,
2nd violins; Mr. Longfield, viola; Mr.
Ricks, cello; Mrs. Hastings, harp. Two
as yet unmentioned artists who as-
sisted in the programme were Messrs.
Hunter and Goward, who helped in the
chorus very well.
Credit for the programme as a whole
falls upon Mrs. Baird, convenor for the
concert. Not alone fine musical taste

and excellent judgment, but real hard
work was evident in the preparation of
such a recital, and this lady is very
warmly to be congratulated on the re-
sults of her efforts.

TWELVE HUNDRED MEN
RETURNED FROM FRONT

Records of Returned Soldiers'
Commission Show 49 Men
Await Employment

The monthly employment returns is-
sued by the Provincial Returned Sol-
diers' Commission for the month of
February shows a considerable im-
provement on the previous report cov-
ering the month of January. The total
number of men who have returned to
the Province from the front, and whose
names are on the records of the com-
mission, has now reached 1,261; 303
men are now undergoing treatment in
the various hospitals and sanatoria
situated throughout the Province. 82
are being treated at their own resi-
dences, 53 men have been diverted to
other provinces for treatment in hos-
pitals and sanatoria. This brings the total number of men
who are undergoing treatment (either
in Government institutions in British
Columbia, in their own homes, or in
other parts of the Dominion) up to 438.
Men who have been listed for employ-
ment by the various committees amount
to 638. 599 men have been pro-
vided with employment, while 452 po-
sitions have been found. At the pre-
sent time there are 49 men who are
waiting for situations.

TENTATIVE CHOICE
OF FLYING DEPOT

Option on Five Hundred Acres
Taken by R. F. C. at
Boundary Bay

The subject of the establishment in
British Columbia of branch schools
in connection with the Royal Flying
Corps, each with an attendant aero-
drome, has been referred to at con-
siderable length in these columns from
time to time, particularly from the
point of view of the amount of em-
ployment such establishments would
give to men with the least mechanical
knowledge or technical inclination.
While it is still impossible to give any
authentic information as to whether
Victoria will be chosen as a suitable
spot for the carrying out of such
operations, evidence indicates that the
sites already inspected by the Im-
perial officers, Major Knight and
Major Macpherson, have reasonable
chance of selection.

Talking to the Times this after-
noon on the subject of the announce-
ment in Vancouver relative to a tenta-
tive decision on a five hundred acre
plot, Colonel Duff Stuart says that the
intention is to make provision for five
squadrons in British Columbia and as
far as his information goes a square
mile of land is essential for the estab-
lishment of an aerodrome. Five
squadrons go to compose a complete
"wing" in other words, ninety ma-
chines, whose complement in men is
about a thousand, consisting of seven
hundred and fifty mechanics and two
hundred and fifty officers.

Acting on behalf of the Imperial
authorities, Major O. C. Macpherson,
of the R. F. C., has taken an option,
through a Vancouver representative,
on a five hundred acre waterfront
ranch at Boundary Bay with the price
fixed at \$225 per acre. The property
is on Paterson Road and is owned by
H. D. Nenson. It has half a mile of
waterfront with a hard sandy beach
eminently suitable for the purpose in-
tended. Engineers have commenced on
the survey and have been instructed to
send in their report to Major Mac-
pherson, who is at the present time
examining sites at Kamloops. In the
event of the Vancouver selection being
officially endorsed by the higher
authorities an aerodrome will be con-
structed at once and the training of
one hundred and fifty men commenc-
ed. This would be an average squad-
ron complement.

As far as local sites are concerned
the Imperial officers were taken to
Sidney and Colwood a week or two
ago, but at that time there was still a
considerable amount of snow on the
ground and any more than to take a
general survey it was not possible to
go.
Colonel Duff Stuart states that it is
absolutely necessary for the soil to be
dry and well drained, with the turf
capable of rapid drying after a storm.
At the same time he is of the opinion
that anywhere in the Dry Belt would
present obstacles in the way of a good
deal of dust in the summer months.
Colonel Hoare, in command of General
S. P. C. Headquarters at Toronto, is
on his way west and expected to reach
Victoria at the end of the month. It
is expected that he will complete the
arrangements for all the British Col-
umbia branches.

Public Market.—If the favorable
weather conditions continue the regu-
lar Saturday market should be attend-
ed by a large number of farmers with
their produce. Eggs, poultry and meats,
together with all kinds of seasonable
products, will be on sale at the accus-
tomed market prices.

Has Filled Appointment.—In the
continued indisposition of the British
Vice-Consul at Port Angeles, Hon. D.
W. Higgins, who is still seriously ill,
it is announced in the Port Angeles
Herald that J. B. Jackson has been
appointed to the position.

CAMPAIGNERS ADVISE
COMPULSORY CADETS

Association Passes Resolution
to Have Training Included
in School Curriculum

One campaigner, believed to be the
only member resident in Canada at the
present time, who took part in the
Abyssinian campaign in 1868, another
member of the 35th Royal Sussex, with
vivid memories of the Egyptian cam-
paign of 1882, and several others who
were present at the battle of Paarde-
berg in South Africa were in attend-
ance at the regular meeting of the
British Campaigners' Association,
presided over by Beaumont Boggs in
the A. O. F. Hall last night.

Compulsory Cadet Movement.
The principal topic of the evening
was the Cadet movement and the ne-
cessity, in the opinion of the Associ-
ation, that impetus be given to a fur-
therance of cadet training in the
schools to the extent of having such
instruction included in the regular
school curriculum, compelling every
male pupil to be enrolled in the Cadet
Corps of his school. A considerable
amount of discussion, entirely in ac-
cord with the suggestion, was follow-
ed by the unanimous passing of the
following resolution:
"Whereas the Public School Cadet
Corps, of Victoria, are far from being
efficient, owing principally to the en-
listment of nearly all the cadet in-
structors, therefore we, the British
Campaigners' Association, of Victoria,
British Columbia, do hereby pray that
the Provincial Government now as-
sembled do cause such alterations to
the school law as shall make it com-
pulsory for every male pupil on at-
taining the age of twelve (12) years, to
become enrolled in the Cadet Corps of
his school, and that this instruction be
included in the school curriculum. Also
that instructors be appointed from
among the men now returning from
the European war."

Education Incomplete.
It was suggested during the discus-
sion that the cadet movement had been
looked upon in days gone by with a
"considerable amount of disfavor on the
idea that it was the thin end of the
wedge for a campaign in favor of mili-
tarism. It was pointed out, however,
by several of the speakers last night
that it was much more desirable for
the education of the boy on leaving
school to be complete in every possi-
ble particular. In the opinion of the
Campaigners' Association no boy's
training was complete now, particu-
larly after a contemplation of the events
which have taken place during the last
thirty months, unless it included a
state of efficiency in physical drill and
musketry. In the event also of a sys-
tem of some kind of compulsory mili-
tary service after the war, involving
a training period, the boy who came
from school possessed of that knowl-
edge already, would be less likely to
have the course of his business ap-
prenticeship interfered with to any
serious extent.

Boys Were Proficient.
Mr. Boggs declared that the cadet
system was an excellent one from every
point of view. It taught the boys dis-
cipline, self-restraint, and obedience. It
was also to be borne in mind that the
boy was educated by the state free of
charge and it should only be reason-
able to expect his willingness and abil-
ity to defend that state whenever and
whenever occasion demanded. He
spoke in very high terms of the first
year results accomplished at school
with the boys who had taken it up.
Numbers who had joined the 38th Reg-
iment were found to be uncommonly
proficient on their entrance.

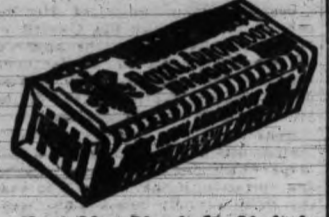
Under Militia Department.
At the present time the Cadet Sys-
tem is under the direct jurisdiction of
the Militia Department. A small grant
is made every year for division be-
tween the instructor and the corps.
The School Board has a certain con-
trol by virtue of the boys belonging
to the school, and have their own su-
pervisor who is responsible for both the
physical and cadet training of the
boys. The Strathcona Trust, repre-
sented by a local committee composed
of the O. C., the Deputy Minister
of Education, and the Municipal In-
structor of Schools and others, is re-
sponsible for the physical training of
the boys, and they encourage as much
as possible the cadet movement. In
Australia the system is compulsory. As
the boy attains the age of twelve he
becomes a junior cadet and retains that
designation until the age of fourteen.
From fourteen to eighteen he is a se-
nior cadet and from that stage he com-
mences his term of military service,
also, of course, compulsory now in
Australia.

WH Forward Resolution.
The idea was tentatively advanced
by some of the members that with ap-
proximately seven hundred boys at-
tending the schools in Victoria, the an-
nual grant by the Militia Department
might be augmented with an addition-
al sum from the Government to pro-
vide the means of recompensing two
instructors to look after the boys on
a permanent arrangement, taking in
hand both physical and cadet courses.
No action was taken in this regard.
The resolution above quoted will be
forwarded to the School Board and the
Minister of Education.

All Fall into Line.—The Pacific
Northwest Tourist Association business
occupies a considerable portion of
Mayor Todd's time, and in view of the
endeavor being made to secure an ap-
propriation from the British Columbia
Government, many public men are
writing to him from all parts of the
province urging co-operation, and the
necessity of participating in the effort
to push the territory in the next two
years from a tourist standpoint.

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NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF
PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the part-
nership heretofore subsisting between us,
the undersigned, as "Cookson Plumbing Com-
pany," in the City of Victoria, in the Pro-
vince of British Columbia, has this day
been dissolved by mutual consent. All
debts owing to the said partnership are to
be paid to Albert Ernest Hasenratz at
1045 Yates Street, Victoria, and Provin-
cialexecutors, and all claims against the said
partnership are to be presented to the
said Albert Ernest Hasenratz, by whom
the same will be settled.
Dated at Victoria this 16th day of
March, 1917.

F. G. BRYNOLSON
A. E. HASENRAFATZ

Witness: W. M. J. CAVE,
1003 Langley Street, Victoria, B. C.

Letter of Thanks

Victoria, B. C., March 15, 1917.
W. G. Gaunce,
Agent London Guarantee & Accident
Co'y, 201 Hibben-Bone Bldg, City.
Dear Sir,—We desire to thank you for
your prompt settlement of loss incurred
under Policy No. 100223, in our recent fire.
The insurance was placed March 6th, the
fire occurred March 9th, the loss was ad-
justed March 10th, and this morning we
have your company's cheque for \$1,139.65
in full.
Yours faithfully,
PEOPLE'S CASH GROCERY

SHERIFF'S SALE

Lucky Jim Zinc Mines, Limited, Shares

Under and by virtue of a Writ of
Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme
Court of British Columbia, and to me
directed, against the goods and share
of G. Weaver Loper, I have seized
11,894 shares in the Lucky Jim Zinc
Mines, Limited, standing in the name
of G. Weaver Loper, in the books of
the said Company.
I have also seized \$9,985 shares in
the Lucky Jim Zinc Mines, Limited,
standing in the name of G. Weaver
Loper, Trustee, in the books of the said
Company. The above shares are of a
par value of \$1.00 each, and are fully
paid up. I will offer the same for sale
at public auction: at my office, Lex-
Coudes, Bastion Street, Victoria, on
Friday, the 23rd day of March, 1917,
at 10:30 a.m. Terms of sale, cash.
F. G. RICHARDS,
Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, B. C., March
10th, 1917.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT
OF SAANICH

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT
Notice is hereby given that every
shop within the Municipal District of
Saanich shall be closed for the serving
of customers not later than 1 o'clock
every Wednesday afternoon after Feb-
ruary 1, 1917.

By order,
F. N. BORDEN,
Reeve.

Sale of Bantams'
Barracks Buildings

On Monday, the 19th inst., at 10 a. m.,
these Buildings will be sold by Public
Auction, separately, on the grounds,
Beacon Hill Park, to the highest bidder.
Full information as to the sale will be
given before the sale commences.
WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.
City Clerk's Office, March 12, 1917.

Second Hand Auto Wanted

Sealed tenders will be received by the
undersigned up to 4 p.m. on Monday,
March 19, 1917, for one second-hand
automobile, not less than 45 h.p. for
the Fire Department. Tenderers must
give full particulars as to price, make,
etc. Specifications can be seen at the
office of the City Purchasing Agent, to
whom all tenders must be addressed,
and marked on outside of envelope
"Tenders for Second-Hand Auto."
W. GALT,
City Purchasing Agent
Victoria, B. C., March 13, 1917.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
FUEL FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by
the Honourable the Minister of Public
Works up to 12 o'clock noon on Friday,
23rd day of March, 1917, for supplying and
delivering coal required at the Provincial
Government Buildings, an enumerated
hereunder during the fiscal year ending
31st March, 1918, to be delivered in such
quantities and at such times as may be
directed during the period above stated.
The approximate annual consumption of
coal at each of the buildings named is as
follows:
—Parliament Buildings, Victoria, 1,000 tons
—Best Lump coal—
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, 100 tons
Government House, Victoria, 110 " "
Court-house, Victoria, 60 " "
Provincial Normal School, Vic-
toria, 300 " "
The above-mentioned quantities are not
guaranteed; the quantity actually re-
quired may be under or above the figures
stated.
Tenders to be based on ton of 2,240 lb.
Each delivery must be accompanied by
an official weighmaster's certificate.
Weighing charges borne by Department.
Tenders shall be accompanied by a
cheque in the sum of \$100, on a chartered
bank of Canada, made payable to the
Honourable the Minister of Public Works,
which will be forfeited if the party tend-
ering declines or neglects to enter into the
contract when called upon to do so.
The cheque of unsuccessful tenderers
will be returned upon the execution of the
contract.
The Department is not bound to accept
the lowest or any tender.
Tenders must be signed by the actual
signatures of the tenderer.
J. E. GRIFFITH,
Deputy Minister and Public Works
Engineer,
Department of Public Works,
Victoria, B. C., 8th March, 1917.

PUBLIC SCHOOL DESKS.

SEALED TENDERS, superscribed "Tend-
ers for School Desks," will be received by
the Honourable the Minister of Public
Works up to 12 o'clock noon of Monday,
20th day of March, 1917, for supplying the
following desks:
—Single Desks..... 255
—Size No. 1..... 255
—Size No. 2..... 250
—Size No. 3..... 250
—Single Desks..... 150
—Size No. 1..... 50
—Size No. 2..... 50
The desks are to be quoted at a price
per desk.
The name of the desk and maker to be
mentioned in tenders.
Delivery at Victoria or Vancouver on or
before 31st day of July next.
The successful tenderer will, free of any
additional charges, store the desks and
pack or crate ready for shipment to
places to be hereafter designated from
time to time to the order of the Depart-
ment.
No tender will be entertained unless ac-
companied by an accepted cheque on a
chartered bank of Canada, payable to the
Honourable the Minister of Public Works,
or by cash, in the amount of two hun-
dred dollars (\$200), which will be forfeited
if the party tendering declines to enter
into contract when called upon to do so,
or if he fails to complete the contract.
Cheques of unsuccessful tenderers will
be returned upon signing of contract.
The Department is not bound to accept
the lowest or any tender.
J. E. GRIFFITH,
Deputy Minister and Public Works
Engineer,
Department of Public Works,
Victoria, B. C., 8th March, 1917.

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QUAKER PEAS 2 cans	25c
"DIXI" CEYLON TEA Per lb. 35¢, 3 lbs. for	\$1.00
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**TELEGRAPH SERVICE
 AT ROTARY LUNCHEON**

Frank Blashfield, of the Great Northwest, Tells of His Company's Activities

"One prominent business man of Victoria told me that there are more night lettergrams sent to his company's head office by its various branches than letters through the mail," declared Frank Blashfield in a talk on Telegraph Service to the Rotary Club at its luncheon in the Empress Hotel yesterday. Mr. Blashfield gave an interesting survey as to the progress of the Great Northwest Telegraph Company, dealing in full detail with the many innovations made by the company, which had not only been welcomed by the people but had been steadily growing in favor.

The inception of the night lettergram and the enormous amount of additional employment resulting, the inauguration of the deferred week-end cable, which had brought the price of thirty-seven cents a word down to a figure which placed the service within the reach of all, were spoken of. He stated, too, that at the present time the company were operating no less than a million and a half of land wires, connecting no less than thirty thousand towns and villages throughout the Dominion of Canada and the United States.

One of the outstanding characteristics of the company was the quality of its service and the harmony and true spirit of co-operation which existed among its employees, from the messengers to the president. He told of a new evidence of the company's goodwill towards its servants, in that last year every employee was given a fortnight's holiday with full pay.

Payment for sickness on a very liberal scale, the length of such payment dependent upon the period of service, was also made.

Pensions were not lost sight of, the company taking every precaution to look after its servants, whose loyalty to the public as well as to their employer were matters for pride with the Great Northwest.

SUGGESTION TO WOMEN

Who Are "Just Ready to Drop"

When you are "Just ready to drop," when you feel so weak that you can hardly drag yourself about—and because you have not slept well, you get up as tired out next morning as when you went to bed, you need help. You can get it just as Mrs. T. S. Hunt, of North Lethbridge, Alta., did. She says: "I keep house for my family of five and became completely run-down. I had such weak spells I could hardly stand up. I had no appetite, had short breath, was languid and suffered from headaches. I tried different medicines and tonics without help. One day I read about Vinol and tried it. Before the second bottle was taken I noticed a great improvement. I continued its use and now feel much stronger, and find my household duties a pleasure." Mrs. T. S. Hunt, No. Lethbridge, Alta.

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**SOME ASPECTS OF
 COPPER DEVELOPMENTS**

Abstracts From Papers Read at Canadian Mining Institute Meeting Yesterday

Two interesting papers on mining were sent by officers of the Department of Mines to the Western branch meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute at its meeting yesterday.

Assistant Mineralogist J. D. Galloway, who made an extensive investigation of the Hazelton-Telkwa district some time since, sent a series of notes on the copper deposits of Northern British Columbia, while the copper deposits of Vancouver Island were dealt with by W. M. Brewer, M. E.

Mr. Brewer described the three classes of deposits of copper ore in Vancouver Island mines, the contact metamorphic type contact between the crystalline limestone and igneous rocks, of the west coast, the impregnated and replaced shear zones in igneous rocks, and the copper deposits of the lenses of copper ore in the Mt. Sicker schists. The last-named is the class of copper ore which has been exploited in the "Tyce mines." Mr. Brewer pointed out that some of the best propositions were not developed sufficiently to allow of a report as to their commercial success, and it is only recently that the revival in mining on the west coast has shown what possibilities the ore bodies possess.

He alludes to the interest taken some years ago in gold mining on the Island, and the indications which point to free gold in quartz veins at various points. "Mining gold bearing quartz," he says, on the Island, "has never been carried on as a commercial success, for one reason, because of the very shallow zones of oxidation. Free metal ore can hardly be expected to maintain continuity to any considerable depth. Below the zone of oxidation the ore not only becomes refractory from the presence of sulphides, but also is found to carry lower values."

In Mr. Galloway's paper he deals at length with the ores of the Hazelton-Telkwa district, the Omineca Mining Division, where the Rocher Debouls mines contribute the greater part of the copper production. "The copper properties," he says, "in the Hazelton-Telkwa district, as a rule, contain small to medium sized ore bodies, as distinguished from the large low grade copper ore bodies found in many other parts of the province.

Mr. Galloway described the equipment at the Rocher Debouls mine, and the development which has taken place, and says it has had a stimulating effect on mining in the Hazelton district.

He thinks the district is worthy of capital from the Coast cities, most of the capital for development coming in from Edmonton and Spokane.

GIANT SPIDER CRAB.

A giant spider crab belonging to a species which can run faster than a man has been added to the laboratory equipment of the department of zoology of the University of Washington.

The members of the family to which the university specimen belongs are hereditary proponents of preparedness. They are armored with a mass of large sharp spines on their backs and possess powerful claws with a reach of over three and a half feet.

The university crab was captured by shrimp fishers off the coast of Alaska at Ketchikan. It is the largest crab ever brought to the university.

Friendly Help Association.—The annual meeting of the Friendly Help Association will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the rooms, Market Building (upstairs). All friends interested in the work are earnestly invited to attend.

**SALVATION ARMY
 BEGINS IN CHINA**

Brigadier Salter Went Out on Empress of Asia This Morning to Organize Work

The scarlet jersey of the Salvation Army has been seen in many lands, but only recently has the greatest religious propaganda of modern times moved to the conversion of the millions of the Chinese Republic.

Outbound on the Empress of Asia this morning sailed Brigadier Salter, who having laid the basis of work in China some months ago, is rightly selected by International Headquarters in London to organize the Salvation Army in the Republic. With him went out eight assistants, five from Canada and three from the United States. In Peking there is to be a gathering of the army officials allocated to that work, Australian, New Zealand, Swedish and Finnish members joining the brigadier in the Chinese capital. They will thus start with a membership of 29 officers, and the first duty will be the study of the intricate Chinese language.

When they are proficient the intention is to train native converts, like the other mission organizations. Just how the Mongolian will take to the tambourine is a little uncertain, but the party go forward with that splendid faith and optimism which for a generation has enabled them to conquer in the most hopeless circumstances.

The work will be directed, Brigadier Salter told the Times, from some of the principal cities of China, and as the propaganda develops, others will come from the many lands where Salvation Army enterprises have been carried on. He pointed out that the army was elastic, and would adapt itself to conditions in China as it has in other parts of the world.

Before commencing this work in China, the Brigadier has been for years associated with the foreign work at International Headquarters in England, and most of his life has been spent in administrative branches. As a young man, however, he was a field officer for four years in Italy.

**SALARY CUTTING IN
 CIVIC DEPARTMENTS**

Aldermen Make Inroads on Remuneration of Engineering Officials; Other Matters

Estimates Committee of City Council last evening spent a considerable time discussing the salaries of the City Engineering Department staff, and approving of reports of small sub-committees that had given attention to phases of the situation.

It was announced by Mayor Todd that Mr. Rust had agreed to a further reduction of salary, and would receive \$200 a month, commencing in April. The gradual reduction may be appreciated when it is remembered that five years ago he came to Victoria at \$5,500 and the guarantee of a car. Last year, in spite of the undertaking given by the then Mayor, the chauffeur was taken away, and Mr. Rust required to operate his car personally. Since November, 1912, he has also acted as water commissioner without additional salary.

Street Superintendent H. Owens will be removed in the general re-arrangement of the office, and be placed as foreman of the central district. The present foreman will be offered a position as laborer, which as a matter of fact will enable him to earn as much or more than at present. Owens will lose \$25 a month by the re-arrangement, while his work as street superintendent will be added to the duties of Assistant Engineer Preston. It was stated that Mr. Preston would have time to discharge both duties. Mr. Owens' office will be closed, and the stenographer dismissed.

One of the assistant engineers will be let out at the end of May, so that as a result there will only be two technical assistants to Mr. Rust—a vast change from the situation which formerly prevailed.

The Plumbing Inspector, who has de facto been attached to the department for some time, was added formally to the staff.

Wages of boulevard men were set at \$2.75 a day, in keeping with other laborers, while sewer maintenance men, limited to seven in number, were set at \$3 a day.

Complaints were voiced, in dealing with the vote for street car tickets, at the large amount expended for the city engineer's department, in consequence of which the Mayor gave the assurance on behalf of the City Engineer that the amount expended would be greatly reduced in future.

A vote for \$500 was passed for plans which may be necessary in connection with the Songheas Reserve terminals and the Johnson Street bridge.

The appropriation of \$5,000 was fixed for the levies under the Workmen's Compensation Board, in place of \$5,500 as originally expected, since it was stated that a smaller sum will be sufficient.

Votes were formally made for the implement building, and also the stores building at the Garbally Road yard, and further for repairing the poundkeeper's house.

The City Labor Bureau has changed its name several times, but the public will not so much mind, provided it continues its valuable work. The latest name decided upon is the "Victoria Free Employment Bureau," and its usefulness is to be extended to register clerical assistance.

**MORE CRITICISM OF
 CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY**

Council Votes Grant, but Money Must Be Expended Under New System

As a consequence of a very long talk in Civic Estimates Committee last evening on the finances of the Children's Aid Home, the vote was left in the estimates as last year, \$4,000, plus \$400 for certain children at a Catholic home.

The subject is so thoroughly tread-bare that little else remains to be said on the matter. One point, however, upon which Alderman Andros laid emphasis is that the number of applications for admission of neglected children will require larger contributions in the present year, there being at least 15 waiting admittance. It was stated that several children of men away at the front are in this class, the mothers in some cases failing to maintain the children out of the Patriotic Fund allowance in the way they should.

J. A. Howard Chapman wrote criticizing the expenditure of money, and particularly the cost of administration of the institution. The per capita cost per month of the Vancouver institution is \$8.31, as against \$27.34, according to his analysis of the figures. He criticizes the secretary's management in firm language, making serious charges, which the committee will doubtless investigate. He continues:

"I would point out further that a society of this class—a charitable institution—does not need sumptuous offices in a social club at the expense of the taxpayer, and for the convenience of the secretary alone.

"I would suggest to the committee of the council that they approach the Salvation Army, offering them a liberal grant to take over the entire charge of this and kindred societies. If this is done the Council may rest assured that the children will have the best of care for a minimum of cost. The Army are doing this class of work at Winnipeg with great success and I believe at other cities in Canada as well."

While resolving to vote the money, payment will be withheld till the society has re-organized along lines acceptable to the Council, since its representatives stated that their suggestions hitherto had received scant respect from the members of the Children's Aid Home committee.

Alderman Dilworth endorsed the suggestion in Mr. Chapman's letter. Alderman Feden favored a per capita grant for children committed to the home, while Alderman Sargent thought the acts of the management had got the Council unjustifiably blamed for faults which did not lie at its door.

Alderman Fullerton favored the announced policy of ex-Alderman McNeill, published yesterday, in favor of under a competent supervisor responsible directly to the City Council.

IS OF FIGHTING STOCK

Pte. C. H. Mead Receives Gun Shot Wound in Leg While Fighting in France.

A grandson of C. H. Mead one of the staunch leaders in the United Empire Loyalist movement. Signaller C. H. Mead, who is reported to be wounded in to-day's casualty list comes of a fighting stock. His father and mother, both Canadians by birth, are descendants of one of the families who remained loyal subjects of the British Empire, even at the expense of losing all their material possessions and having to set out for a distant land there to make a new home.

Pte. C. H. Mead came to Victoria about five years ago with his parents from the province of Ontario. He first became engaged in electrical work in the city and when the strike trouble arose in Nanaimo he went as a member of the 5th Regiment to assist in settling the trouble. He was still in the regiment when war broke out and shortly after he went to England and thence to France as a signaller in the artillery draft which left at the opening of hostilities.

Pte. Mead is 20 years of age. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mead, reside at 254 1/2 Work Street.

Clearing House.—The report of the Victoria House for the week ending March 15, gives the total clearings as \$1,404,825.

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Four Big Bargains for To-night at 8 o'Clock

1,000 Yards of Embroidery Edgings and Insertions. To-night, Yard **6c**

This lot includes 1,000 yards of Embroidery Edgings and Insertions varying from one to four inches. They come in cambrie with deeply worked designs; also muslin in dainty patterns suitable for undermuslins and children's wear. Regular values up to 15c. To-night 8 p. m. **6¢**

Children's School Dresses
 Regular \$1.25 to \$1.75 Values. **98c**
 Friday Night 8 P. M.

Children's School Dresses, marked at a very special price for to-night. They are made of kingham, chambray, pique, and denim, in many pretty styles, daintily trimmed with pipings and facings of contrasting color. Sizes 2 to 14 years. Regular \$1.25 to \$1.75. To-night at 8 o'clock **98¢**

Regular to \$2.00 Made-Up Cushions, Cushion Cases and Cushion Tops. To-night, Each \$1.00

For To-night's selling we have about one hundred of these made-up Cushions, with good floss forms. They are made from Tapestry, Rep, Fine Chintz Rep and Dainty Cretonnes. Curtain cases ready for forms, made from crash with tapestry borders; velour with printed linen borders, and Fancy Tapestry Cushion Tops, with assorted band trimmings. Sizes 20 x 22 and 22 x 24 inches. Regular to \$2.00 values. To-night 8 p. m. **\$1.00**

Fancy Voile and Muslins
 Regular to 50c Value. **17c**
 Friday Night 8 P. M.

350 Yards Colored Figured Voiles and Mercerized Lawns. These are exceedingly dainty in colorings and designs; a decided snap for a waist or dress. They come in single and double fold. Values to 50c yard. To-night 8 p. m., yard **17¢**

Important Savings Saturday Morning

Regular to 25c Curtain Muslin and Scrim Saturday Yard 12 1/2c

For Saturday selling we have about 500 yards of handsome Curtain Scrim, some plain centres with fancy borders; white Hemstitched Muslin with plain centres; white Bobbinette with lace edge; White Spot Muslin with tape edge and a few pieces of Hemstitched Stenciled Etamine, cream and white grounds with neat floral borders. Reg. to 25c values. Saturday, yard **12 1/2¢**

At the Glove Counter

Ladies' Chamoulette Gloves, French manufacture, white and natural; also white with heavy black points, two-dome fasteners; sizes 5 1/2 to 7 1/2. They wash and dry quickly. Price **\$1.25**

Lisle Gloves, in white and various shades of grey, two-dome fasteners; sizes 5 to 7 1/2. Price **65c**

Ladies' Long Lisle Gloves, in black and tan, elbow length, with two-dome fasteners; sizes 5 1/2 and 6 only; original value 50c. **25c**
 Saturday, pair

Boys' and Girls' Hose. Special at 25c

Buster Brown Ribbed Hose, made of heavy cotton; just the thing for school wear. **25c**
 Pair

Buster Brown's Sister, a fine mercerized lisle hose in black and white; sizes 5 to 10. **25c**
 Per pair

New Ready-to-Wear Hats for Early Spring Wear

We are showing an extensive range of ready-to-wear Hats, including the chic Sport Hats with high crown and narrow brim; also the popular mushroom shape. These Hats all have a touch of the Oriental and the famous khaki kool trimmings. Prices range from \$2.50 to **\$5.00**

Exceptionally Fine Range of Women's Skirts on Sale To-day \$4.95 at

This is an exceptionally attractive range of Skirts, made in a number of smart styles from serge, corduroy, velvet, poplin, taffeta and tweed. All colors are represented, including checks, stripes and plaids. Sizes 22 to 36 waist measure; also Maternity Skirts. Regular values up to \$13.50. Special To-day **\$4.95**

Two Big Bargains in Yard Goods

A special offer of useful Tweeds, suitable for suits, coats and separate skirts. These come in various color combinations, including brown, grey, green and blue; widths 40 to 44 inches. Regular values up to \$1.25. Saturday morning **73c**

A special purchase of Mirabeau Silk Suitings; splendid for making up into suits, dresses and sport coats. The colors include navy, pink, sage, brown, sky, green, amethyst, and black. Regular \$2.50 quality. Saturday Morning, yard **\$1.29**

Ten Dozen White Turkish Towels, British make; a very serviceable grade. Size 22x44. Reg. 35c value. Saturday morning, each 23c

Sample Handkerchiefs on Sale Saturday at 10c and 19c

Manufacturers' Sample Handkerchiefs to clear Saturday morning at about half-price. The lot includes Dainty Linen and Lawn Handkerchiefs; some with hand-embroidered corners, lace trimmed and cord edges; in colors and white. Regular values to 35c. Saturday, each **19c**

Another range of Sample Handkerchiefs, with pretty floral design in corner; also plain Handkerchiefs in 'shamrock, linen finish and lawn. Special Saturday, each **10c**

Khaki Handkerchiefs for sending to the soldier boys at the front. Price 15¢, or 1 for **25c**

A Special Offering of White Lingerie Waists Saturday at \$1.00

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